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Article 12 ruling draws diverse views

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Tuesday's landmark court decision paving the way for qualified voters that are not of Northern Marianas descent to vote on initiatives related to Article 12, the land alienation provision of the NMI Constitution, has been drawing different views. Article 12 has always been a hot-button issue in the CNMI.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the decision is consistent with his view when he recently vetoed a second political status commission bill partly because one of its provisions restricts commission membership to NMDs. This, he said, constitutes invidious discrimination in violation of the equal protection clauses of the United States and Commonwealth Constitutions.

"I haven't seen the [written] judgment, the order, but on that point, I certainly agree that we can't isolate or can't let the non-NMDs participate in decisions like that, especially on voting," the governor said in an interview yesterday.

Rep. George Camacho (R-Saipan) said

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NMTI hires McPhetres as CEO

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McPhetres

The Northern Marianas Trades Institute now has a chief executive officer tasked to oversee the institution's management and operation following the approval yesterday of the hiring of Agnes McPhetres for the post.

McPhetres' one-year renewable contract as CEO of the institution was ratified during yesterday's NMTI board of directors meeting.

The board expressed confidence in McPhetres' leadership, citing her extensive knowledge, vast experience, and credentials and her status as president emeritus of the Northern Marianas College

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ROAD SAFETY PROJECT ➤

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, fourth from right, leads yesterday's ceremony to officially kick off a $100,803 road marking and signage project near the San Vicente basketball court yesterday. The Department of Public Works hired Big Bell Inc. as construction contractor for the project, estimated to be completed on Dec. 3 and is one of five projects of its kind to roll out this year.

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Labor chief: Where do CW fees go?

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» Of over 1,100 jobs posted since start of fiscal year, 56 pct. are for CW visa renewals

NMI Department of Labor Secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero disclosed yesterday that the Inos administration will require all recipients of contract worker fees to account for how they provided training to local workers.

The Public School System, the Northern Marianas College, and the Northern Marianas Technical Institute have all been asked to submit a comprehensive report on how and where the CW fees were spent

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'No showing that today's NMD voters need protection'

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The Commonwealth has made no showing that today's Northern Marianas descent voters need protection, according to U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona.

Manglona said the power to modify Article 12 is not new, citing that in 1985, Commonwealth voters—including both NMDs and non-NMDs—ratified two amendments to Article 12 as proposed by the second constitutional convention.

Manglona said one amendment ex-

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Second road marking, signage project worth $100K begins

»CW extension's importance on DPW projects cited

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At a groundbreaking for a $100,803 road project yesterday, Department of Public Works Secretary Martin C. Sablan said he's hoping the U.S. Federal Highway Administration will "persuade" the U.S. Department of Labor to extend the program that allows the CNMI continued access to some 10,000 foreign workers beyond 2014 because many of them are important to DPW projects.

Sablan and Gov. Eloy S. Inos led yesterday's groundbreaking for the second part of DPW's islandwide road marking and signage project.

The project involves rehabilitating road markings and upgrading traffic signage along Dandan Road from its intersection with Flame Tree Road to the Isa Drive intersection in San Vicente. It also includes road shoulder reconditioning, and painting of sidewalk curbs and raised medians. This covers 1.75 miles of road.

In a brief ceremony near the San Vicente basketball court, Sablan said this project is just one of the many that DPW has been working on. This is in response to the governor's challenge to the department because in the past, there were only "lots of planning but little construction."

Both Sablan and the governor asked the public to be patient as DPW and its contractors work on these projects.

Sablan said most contractors' personnel working on DPW projects are under the CW program, which is set to expire after Dec. 31, 2014, unless U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez grants an extension and allow the CNMI to have continued access to these foreign workers, who are mostly from the Philippines. They include engineers and skilled construction workers.

"I hope the U.S. Federal Highway will persuade the U.S. Labor to extend it," Sablan said.

The governor, for his part, said this project "enhances safety for motorists and pedestrians," and is one of the ongoing road projects on Saipan totaling some $7 million.

These include the $3.8-million Cross Island road improvement; close to $1-million Tun Segundo Road or Chalan Kanoa traffic light system and road expansion; the soon-to-be completed islandwide traffic signal system upgrade of about $1.5 million; the first phase of the islandwide road marking and signage upgrade, about $150,000; the second phase, which broke ground yesterday, $100,803; the third one in As Perdido Road, some $130,000; the fourth one along Beach Road, close to $400,000; and the fifth one on Tun Segundo Road, about $170,000.

Inos said the CNMI is now going to see "actual bricks and mortar" after years of seeing engineering designs.

In his meeting some two weeks ago with visiting Federal Highway Administration officials, the governor said there are a lot that "needs to be done," but he said in jest that he only has three tools—shovel, hard hat, and scissors. But he said the visiting federal officials said they got the CNMI's back.

Funding for many DPW projects comes from the U.S. Congress and is administered by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration.

NMC's graduating class selects Kim-Tenorio as keynote speaker

»About 160 students to be conferred associate, bachelor degrees

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This year's graduating class of the Northern Marianas College has selected Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio as their keynote speaker during commencement rites this week where about 160 students will be conferred their associate and bachelor degrees.

NMC's 34th Commencement Exercises is scheduled this Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium starting at 4:30pm.

According to NMC President Dr. Sharon Y. Hart, Kim-Tenorio's inspiring life story speaks of overcoming obstacles and challenges and the college is delighted that the judge has agreed to serve as their keynote speaker.

Kim-Tenorio ascended to the bench on Dec. 22, 2013. She served as the legal counsel for Gov. Eloy S. Inos from February 2013 until her ascension to the bench in December 2013. Prior to that, she served as the legal counsel for the CNMI lieutenant governor, the CNMI Legislature, and was also in private practice.

Kim-Tenorio

Kim-Tenorio volunteers much of her personal time to various organizations. Prior to her ascension, she served as a board member for the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross for almost nine years; was an officer for the Marianas High School's Parent Teacher Association; a coordinator on the CNMI High School Mock Trial competition; and a trustee for the CNMI Judiciary Historical Society since 2005.

Kim-Tenorio is married to Perry John Pangelinan Tenorio and together have four sons: Justis, Sunho, Pedro, and Sunjoon.

Meantime, this year will be the first time that the NMC's School of Education will be graduating students with a bachelor of science degree in Education with a concentration in Special Education. This concentration, along with the "Rehabilitation and Human Services" and "Early Childhood Education" concentrations were introduced about three years ago.

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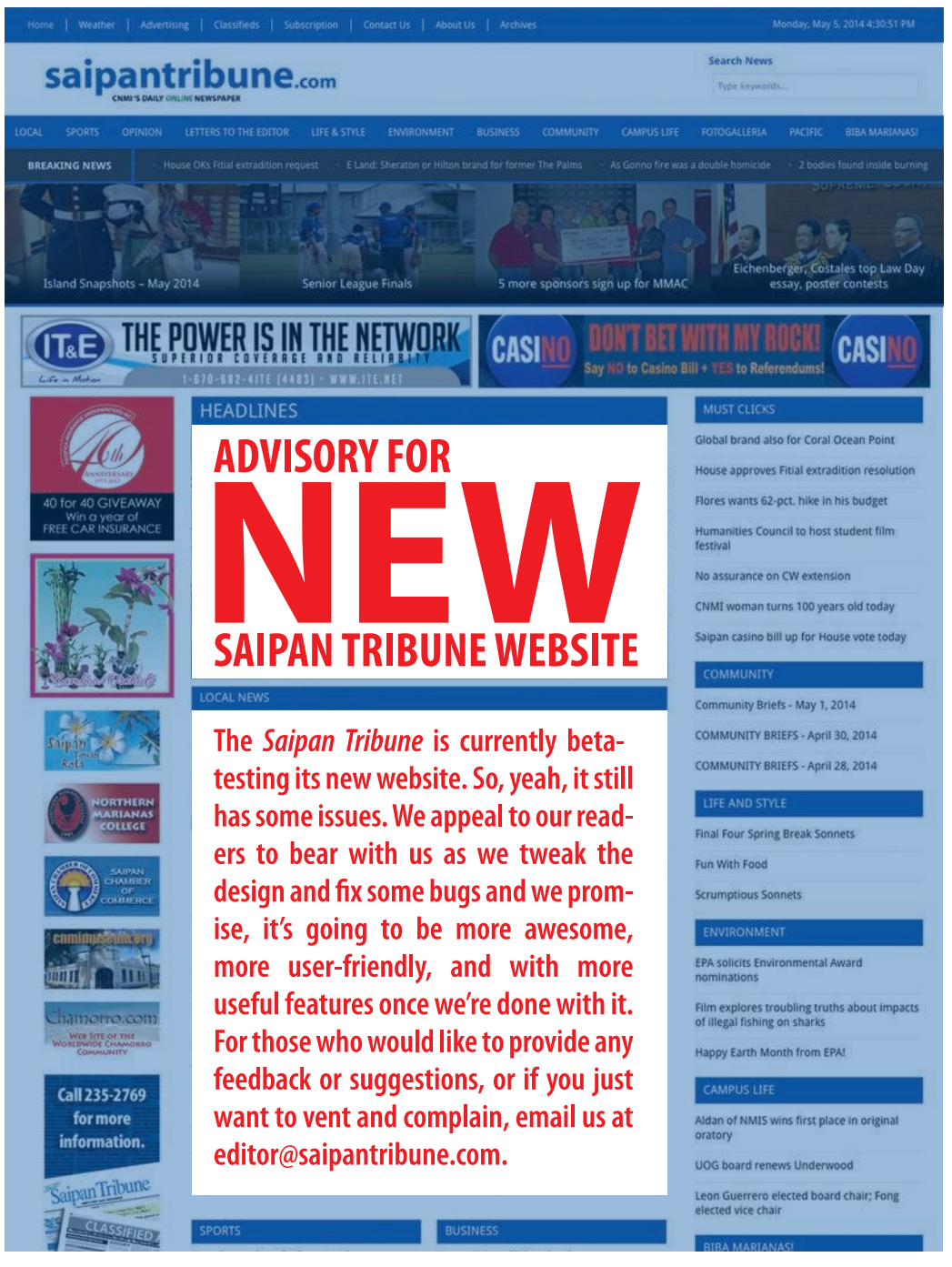
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tended the long-term leasehold period from 40 years to 55 years; the other raised the proportion of NMD directors and of voting shares held by NMDs—needed for a corporation to be considered NMD—from 51 percent to 100 percent.

Manglona made these determinations in her landmark decision on Tuesday in which she ruled that qualified voters who are not NMDs must have the opportunity to vote on any initiative to amend Article 12.

Article 12 restricts the acquisition of permanent and long-term interests in real property to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

Manglona issued the ruling in favor of John H. Davis Jr., a registered voter in the CNMI and a non-NMD, who, through counsel Jeanne H. Raphand, sued the Commonwealth Election Commission and its officials in his desire to vote on any initiative to amend Article 12.

In her decision, Manglona said that allowing voters, including non-NMDs, to modify Article 12 was prior to the passage of Section 5 (c) in 1999, in which voters approved Senate Legislative Initiative 11-1, which amended Section 5 of Article 18 by adding subsection (c).

Article 18 Section 5(c) prohibits qualified voters who are not NMDs from voting on Article 12 initiatives.

Manglona said the CNMI government has not suggested that the social contract between the government and the people was damaged by the participation of non-NMDs in the ratification vote, or that the political legitimacy of those amendments has been seriously questioned.

"The Commonwealth has intimated that its compelling interest is limited to proposals for repeal—that is, limited to ensuring that the beneficiaries of Article 12 themselves consent to relinquishing its protections," Manglona said. "But if that is so, then the voting restrictions on Article 12 amendments are overboard and not narrowly tailored to cure the alleged evil."

The judge said that narrow tailoring is problematic for other reasons, too.

The Commonwealth asserts that the voting restrictions seek to eliminate "the potential to allow many 'resourceful and comparatively wealthy businessmen' to vote to abolish the very protections that currently prevent them from exploiting the NMD population."

Manglona said the Commonwealth's quotation from a Ninth Circuit ruling makes the silent substitution of "businessmen" for "outside investors."

By doing so, the judge said, this effectively expands the scope of Article 12's aim beyond what the Covenant allows.

Manglona said the Covenant enabled "the people of the Northern Marianas…to prevent the alienation of their land to outsiders…"

"Nowhere does it indicate a concern over the malign influence of insiders—non-NMD citizens who make the Commonwealth their home and are entitled to vote in all other general elections in the CNMI," she said.

Manglona pointed out that the Commonwealth presents no evidence that the disenfranchisement of non-NMDs in Article 12 ballot initiatives will prevent comparatively wealthy business people from exploiting NMDs.

"Nor does it appear categorically to be true," she said.

Manglona said it is equally possible that many non-NMD voters are not wealthy; and that while they may be able to afford a long-term lease in a depressed housing market, they would be priced out of a reinvigorated market for land in fee simple if restrictions were lifted.

Also, the judge noted, there may be wealthy NMDs who have amassed cheap land over the past 40 years and would favor repealing Article 12 in anticipation of windfall profits.

"If that alternative set of speculative assumptions were to prove accurate, Section 5(c) of Article 18 could be a formula for disaster—assuming, as the Commonwealth seems to have done, that the best interest of most Northern Marianas Chamorros and Carolinians is to leave Article 12 alone or only trim it at the edges," she said.

Manglona said the 25-year period has run, and the Commonwealth government may now repeal all land-alienation restrictions or continue to regulate long-term interests in land.

The judge was referring to Covenant Section 805 that requires the Commonwealth government to restrict the alienation of permanent and long-term interests in land until at least 25 years after the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement.

A presidential proclamation terminated the Trusteeship Agreement on Nov. 3, 1986.

Manglona also stated that the effect on changes to Article 12 will not fall disproportionately on NMDs.

"All citizens have an equal interest in whether they are entitled to buy real property, and on what terms," she said. "The interest of the non-privileged class in whether the privilege will be extended to them is as substantial as the interest of the privileged class in whether it will remain exclusive."

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by each agency, along with the outcomes of these investments.

Deleon Guerrero made this clear yesterday during her presentation to the NMTI board, where she also disclosed that of the 1,170 jobs posted on the department's website since the beginning of fiscal year 2013 through April 30, more than half—or 56 percent—were posted for renewal positions.

The Inos administration gave PSS and NMC $500,000 each in CW fees this fiscal year to fund vocational and career technological programs, while NMTI was given $400,000 from the same CW funds.

"For all the investments we've done…where are we today? That's the missing component in the inventory of the workforce," Deleon Guerrero said. "We're looking for the tangibles or the outcome of these [CW] funding that came through. We need to know how the money was spent and where is the outcome. In other words, we require accountability from these three agencies so we can have a comprehensive report to the governor."

Based on the data she presented yesterday, the local labor agency recorded a total of 1,170 job vacancy announcements posted from October 2013 to April 30 this year. Of this number, 657 were determined to have been posted for renewals while 457 were marked as "new."

"For the reporting period above, there were 64 individuals hired—or 5 percent—of the total jobs posted by employers. Thirty-nine percent were new jobs posted, whereas a greater percentage—56 percent—were renewals of CW visas," she said.

Citing the same data, Deleon Guerrero said that 14 jobs posted were for "transfers," 38 were for "replacements," and four were for "temporary."

She disclosed that most of the positions being advertised by companies—especially on renewals and new—are entry-level positions that could easily be transitioned to U.S. qualified workers.

Among the job categories posted, according to the data, are building and grounds cleaning maintenance (110); food preparation and serving related occupations (197); sales and related occupations (80); installation and repair occupations (92); office and administrative support (55); business and financial operations occupations (187); and others.

According to Deleon Guerrero, these data are vital tools for government agencies to "strategize" on what they need to offer as training for local workers.

"A lot of these positions are simple, short-term training positions that could easily be populated and transitioned," she said.

She encouraged NMTI to start the conversation with some companies or agencies to apprenticize one or two of its programs with the U.S. Department of Labor.

It was revealed that the CNMI has yet to develop a true apprenticeship program despite the passage of Public Law 15-5, for which funding has always been suspended.

"The reality is: the transition is already set in law. We need to work harder in terms of filling the pipeline," Deleon Guerrero said.

NMTI

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Members of the Northern Marianas Technical Institute board of directors gather for a group photo with NMTI's newly hired CEO Agnes McPhetres after yesterday's board meeting in Lower Base.

According to NMTI board chair John Oliver Gonzales, getting McPhetres on board is a "great deal" for the institute. He refused to disclose the salary offered to McPhetres but described it as a reasonable "stipend" compared to the knowledge and expertise she could bring to the school.

"We're so delighted to have her onboard," Gonzales told *Saipan Tribune.*

McPhetres expressed her full desire to help NMTI and promised to move it into a "more organized system" by instituting vital transformations. She also vowed full transparency and accountability to the board.

Kicking things off on an upbeat note, McPhetres disclosed plans to make NMTI a charter school, which will make it eligible to receive funding both from local and federal sources. A charter school is a public school but is run as a private institution.

In order to do this, the Legislature needs to pass a bill that will designate the institute as a charter school. The NMTI board expressed confidence yesterday that this has a very good chance of being acted upon.

McPhetres said that moving to a public charter institute will legitimize the funding the NMTI gets from the Legislature. It will be recalled that when the institute was given $400,000 in CW fees last fiscal year, there were contentions that public funds are being given to a "private school."

The charter school idea will also enable the NMTI to receive federal funds. It can also facilitate communications with the U.S. Department of Education for further opportunities.

Additionally, NMTI—as a charter public school—will fill the "missing gap" in the CNMI's educational system.

"The CNMI has established a school system (PSS) and a college (NMC) but both are not delivering fully or addressing the labor needs of the CNMI. With the creation of the institute, the CNMI completes the cycle of the education needs for its citizens," McPhetres said.

A seamless articulation of programs will reduce the dropout rates in the CNMI. NMTI can become a receiving institution for students who are not college bound; can provide for those students with the necessary skills that are needed in the job market; and will assist students to complete their high school through alternative approaches to learning.

Next up for McPhetres is the development of a strategic plan for NMTI. "We need to have a strategic plan because we cannot move to a direction without it."

McPhetres also endorsed to the board the adoption of an "interim personnel policy" pending the establishment of a final policy.

Board chair Oliver Gonzales also disclosed yesterday that NMTI's name has been modified to become the "Northern Marianas Technical Institute" to reflect its broader scope.

Besides Gonzales, other members of the board are vice chair Joseph Torres, secretary/treasurer Velma Palacios, directors Rip Stephanson, and Herman Cabrera.

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"the issue here is not who may or may not vote on land matters."

"My question is, what does this mean now to our CNMI Constitution? Obviously, the U.S. Constitution is the highest law of the land. So do we need to amend our own Constitution now, the same Constitution that we all took oaths to protect and defend?" Camacho asked.

House vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan) believes that U.S. District Court for NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona "has made it very clear that the 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution supersedes Article 18 Section 5(c) of the CNMI Constitution."

"This is her opinion," he said.

Other NMDs said the ruling does not matter if lawmakers won't even pass Article 12 legislative initiatives to be placed on the ballot so that voters—NMDs or not—can vote on them.

Democratic Party's Jess Taisague said he has not seen the ruling itself but maintained that the Democratic Party has already made a position related to Article 12.

Taisague was referring to the Democratic Party's statement that "people who are of Northern Marianas descent will face yet another attempt by a few… to tamper with our culturally and constitutionally protected Article 12."

The Democratic Party said it is vehemently opposed to any attempt, by anyone, to change, amend or remove the mandatory restrictions in Article 12.

Meanwhile, the Citizens for Change of Article 12 is currently circulating a petition to place an Article 12 initiative on the ballot this November. They are leading a popular initiative that proposes a constitutional amendment to remove the mandatory restriction on land alienation and allow landowners to elect to restrict the alienation of their own land.

CCART 12 said that signing the petition does not mean voting yes or no on Article 12, but simply allows it to be put on the ballot for all voters to decide on in November.

US govt reduces from 16 to 9 charges vs Leyda Ada

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The U.S. government has reduced to nine the previous 16 charges it filed against Leyda I. Ada, who allegedly conspired with her husband in a healthcare and food stamp fraud.

The second superseding indictment filed in U.S. District Court for the NMI on Tuesday charged Ada with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, one count of money laundering, five counts of mail fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit food stamp fraud, and one count of perjury.

According to assistant U.S. attorney Garth R. Backe, the Commonwealth Health Center regularly purchased medical supplies and equipment from Midwest Medical Supply, a Missouri corporation. Because Midwest Medical Supply did not maintain any inventory in the CNMI, all of its products had to be shipped from warehouses in either Missouri or Guam.

Ada was employed by Midwest Medical Supply as an account manager until January 2009. In June 2004, she obtained a business license from the CNMI Department of Finance for a sole proprietorship doing business as "MMS, CNMI."

Ada's spouse Melvin was employed as a medical supply specialist at CHC until July 2011. During his CHC employment, he was responsible for facilitating purchases from and payments to Midwest Medical Supply.

Between 2004 and 2011, Ada's husband allegedly deposited 53 CNMI Treasury checks made out to "MMS—a Medical Supply Co., CNMI" or "Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc." into Ada's business savings account at First Hawaiian Bank totaling about $1,796,523.75 that he had unlawfully procured through the submission of false and fabricated documents at CHC.

From July 4, 2011, through Sept. 25, 2012, Ada conspired with her husband and others to commit money laundering.

Specifically, Ada and her co-conspirators allegedly agreed to conduct financial transactions knowing that the property involved represented proceeds from health care theft and embezzlement.

Immediately after Ada's spouse stopped reporting to work at CHC on July 5, 2011, he and Ada, aided by others, held a series of financial transactions to conceal the proceeds derived from healthcare fraud and embezzlement.

As an example, the couple allegedly closed out six accounts at First Hawaiian Bank, Bank of Guam, and Bank Pacific but not before withdrawing at least $75,000 between July 5, 2011 and Aug. 11, 2011.

Ada's spouse allegedly transferred and attempted to transfer his title in six vehicles to Ada and other immediate relatives for no consideration or for just $1.

Beginning April 2006 and continuing through November 2012, Ada and her spouse filed Territorial Individual Income Tax Returns that underreported their true income and falsely claimed to be entitled to refund checks for tax overpayments and child tax credits.

On Sept. 23, 2011, Ada's spouse applied for food stamp benefits and lied that the household had no income, resources, bank accounts, or cash on hand. On Oct. 7, 2011, the couple received and signed their food stamp identification card.

Last October, Ada pleaded not guilty to the indictment that charged her with one count of conspiracy to commit healthcare theft and embezzlement, six counts of healthcare theft and embezzlement, five counts of mail fraud, one count of money laundering, one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, one count of conspiracy to make false statements in applications for food stamp benefits, and one count of perjury.

The original indictment charged Ada and her husband, Melvin, with 59 counts. Melvin Ada pleaded guilty to 56 charges and is awaiting sentencing.

Lawmaker expresses concerns over proposed listing of species

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The chairperson for the Rota Legislative Delegation wrote to U.S Fish and Wildlife Service field supervisor Loyal A. Mehrhoff yesterday to express concerns about the proposed new listing of species for protection under the Endangered Species Act.

Rep. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota) also expressed concerns over the possible designation of additional critical habitats, particularly on eight plants and one animal on the island of Rota.

"Although I understand the necessity for the protection and conservation of such species, I also understand that such listing possibly creates adverse effects on the people of Rota as well," Santos said.

She cited as an example the stopping of an agricultural homestead issuance due to the presence of the Marianas crow.

According to Santos, it took "almost 20 years to be resolved."

In addition to these concerns, she asked Mehrhoff to give the people of Rota an opportunity to express their opinions in a public hearing prior to the listing of the plants and animal species under the ESA.

"The island of Rota is relatively small, yet it has several conservation areas currently in place," Santos said. "In addition, the U.S. Congress is currently addressing legislation to authorize the review of areas on Rota for possible inclusion in the National Park system."

She said the further designation of additional critical habitats "will lessen" the amount of available lands for future development.

Santos stated that it would be reasonable that the current conservation areas also serve as critical habitats and that will ensure the protection of the species and not inhibit future development for the people of Rota.

Santos urged Mehrhoff's office to look into all aspects of the proposal and seriously consider the needs of the people of Rota.

"I thank you [Mehrhoff] in advance for your consideration of the concerns I have on the issue and look forward to favorable action," she said.

US govt files additional charge of enticement of minor vs Roberto

The U.S. Attorney's Office has filed in federal court an additional charge against former acting CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife director Raymond Borja Roberto for allegedly enticing another minor to engage in prostitution.

The third superseding indictment filed Tuesday charged Roberto with three counts of enticement of a minor and one count of witness tampering.

A prior indictment only charged him with two counts of enticement of a minor and one count of witness tampering. That indictment involved two minors who were allegedly enticed to engage in prostitution.

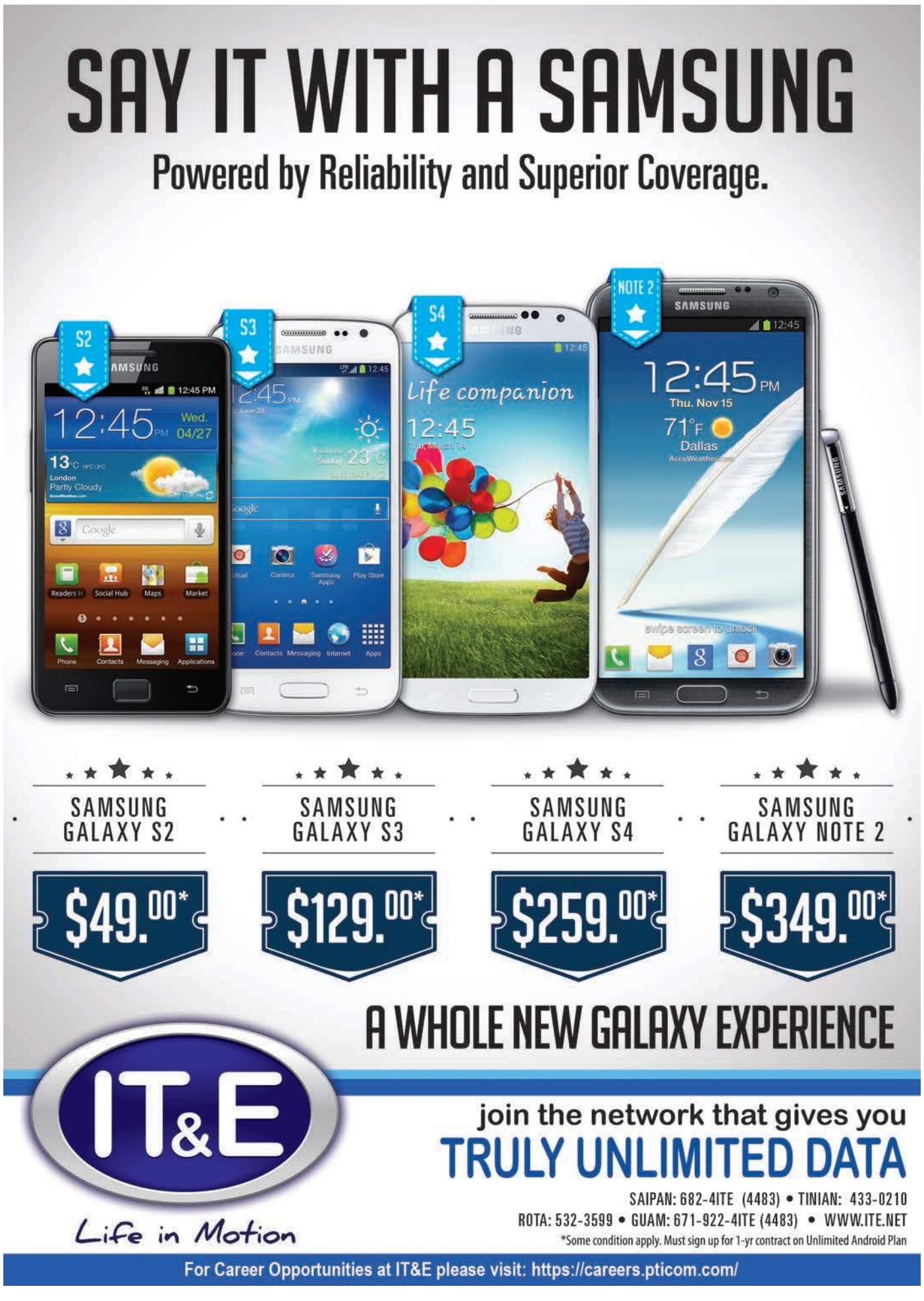
In the third superseding indictment, assistant U.S. attorney Rami S. Badawy alleged that Roberto persuaded three female minors to have sex with him in exchange for cash from March 1, 2013, to July 18, 2013.

On the witness tampering matter, Badawy stated that the offense happened on April 24, 2014, while Roberto was detained pending trial. Badawy said that Roberto attempted to obstruct, influence, and impede the case by attempting to influence the testimony of an individual.

The prosecutor said Roberto attempted to persuade that same person to alter, destroy, and conceal evidence.

Roberto had pleaded not guilty to the charges.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set the trial date on July 23, 2014, at 10am. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***



Volunteer orientation for Saipan dog population survey

»Two employees to be trained on 'humane euthanasia'

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The Saipan Mayor's Office, Saipan Dog Control Program, and Humane Society International are seeking volunteers who will help with a planned survey of the stray animal population on Saipan.

As part of this initiative, there will be a volunteer orientation on May 31, from 10am to 11:30am and from 1pm to 2:30pm, at the Saipan Mayor's Office at the second floor of the Ladera Center Building along Beach Road.

In a statement to the mayor's office, Humane Society International coordinator Inga Gibson said that volunteers are needed to assist with village surveys, observing animal presence and condition, briefly interviewing residents, and assisting with data compilation.

The information collected would be used to determine the number and conditions of animals across Saipan and the concerns and needs of local residents related to animal care, Gibson said.

Mayor's office adviser Henry Hofschneider said that volunteers will be needed to help conduct the survey.

Surveys will begin on Sunday, June 1, until Saturday, June 7, and a schedule will be prepared based on volunteer availability.

In related news, Hofschneider said the U.S Humane Society and the Humane Society International are paying all expenses for the mayor's office to send two staff under the Dog Control Program to Guam for training.

Hofschneider said the training will be for two days and the two staff will be trained on how to implement humane euthanasia.

The training will be held on May 29 to 30.

"So we're sending two guys down there, all-expenses paid and a licensed veterinarian will conduct the training," Hofschneider said.

"These guys [two staff from mayor's office] are not going to be handling the drugs used for euthanasia but they will be working under the veterinarian," he added.

Hofschneider said the two employees will be trained on how to handle the dogs in a humane manner.

"It is a very good training because it follows guidance under the Humane Society and they are getting this for free and we appreciate their [Humane Society] help," Hofschneider said.

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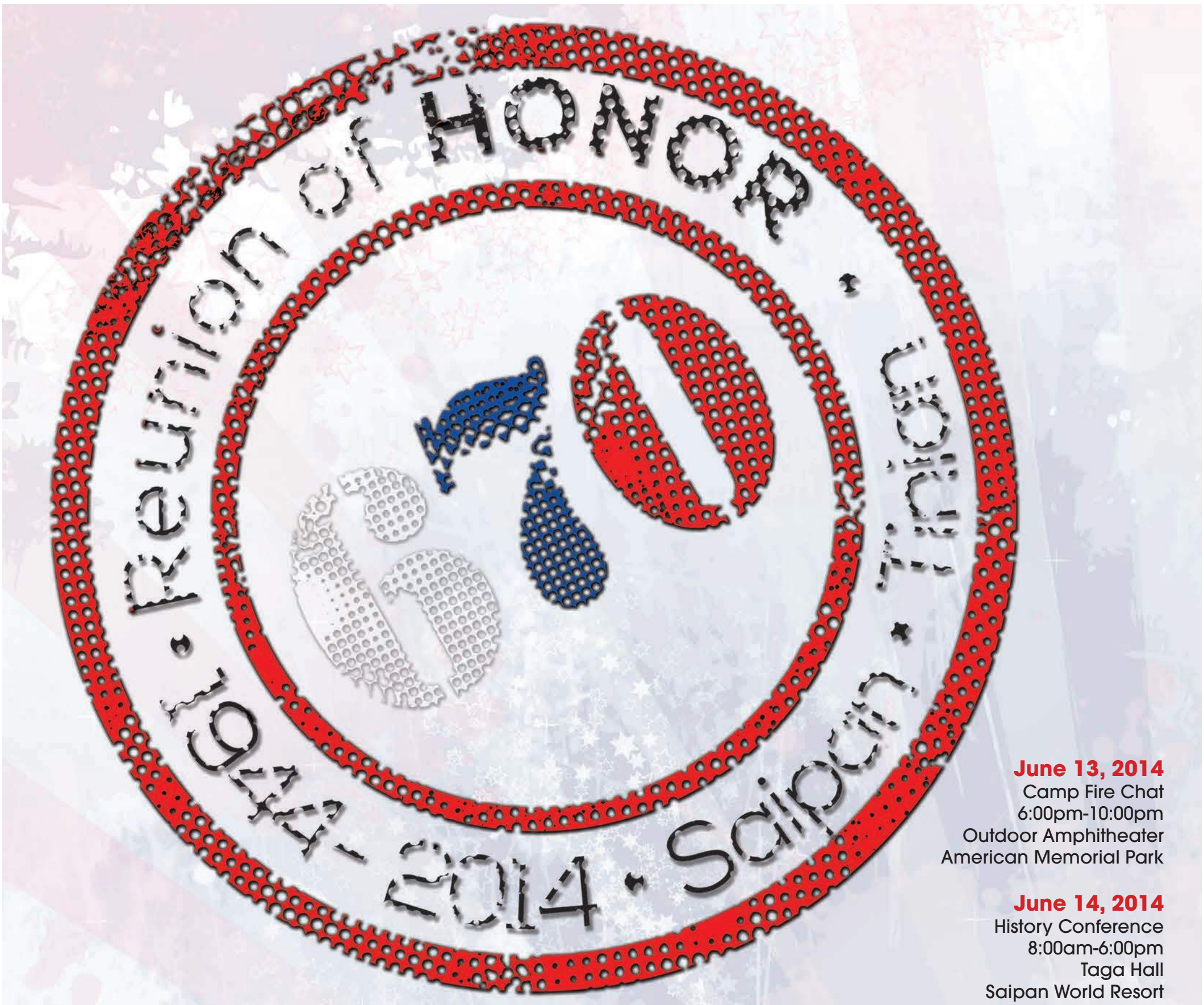

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June 12, 2014
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North Field
10:00am

June 15, 2014
Food, Games, Art and Entertainment
American Memorial Park
10:00am -6:00pm

June 13, 2014
Camp Fire Chat
6:00pm-10:00pm
Outdoor Amphitheater
American Memorial Park

June 14, 2014
History Conference
8:00am-6:00pm
Taga Hall
Saipan World Resort

June 14, 2014
Honor the Veterans Dinner
6:00pm

June 15, 2014
Reunion of Honor Mass
9:30am
Kristo Rai Church

Reunion of Honor Parade
10:30am
Garapan Fishing Basin to American Memorial Park
11:30am Official Ceremony
1:30pm Show
American Memorial Park

Red Cross helps 8 family victims of fire

The American Red Cross NMI Chapter assisted eight family victims of the apartment building fire in Fina Sisu in the early morning hours of May 17, 2014.

The apartment building located on Chalan Tun Antonio Apa Rd. was completely destroyed by the fire.

Red Cross Disaster Action Team responded to the scene and collaborated with CNMI Homeland Security Emergency Management Office to provide the families with much needed assistance for clothing, food, and a place to live temporarily.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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"We are extremely grateful for the generous support of our donors and the entire CNMI community. It is through this support that we are able to help families and individuals affected by disasters," said Paul W. Camacho, Emergency Services director.

For information regarding the Red Cross, contact Camacho at (670) 234-3459. ***(ARC)***

Millard settles with CNMI govt

» Settlement amount part of governor's $12.386M supplemental budget

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos confirmed that ComputerLand founder William H. Millard, once listed as among the richest people in America, entered into a tax settlement agreement with the CNMI government and the undisclosed amount is now a part of the governor's $12.386-million fiscal year 2014 supplemental budget sent to the Legislature yesterday. But the settlement amount is just a tiny dot compared to the over $118 million that the CNMI claims to be Millard's tax debts including interests from the early '90s.

The supplemental budget shows only $371,724 is from "personal income taxes" of prior years.

Any figure already excludes attorneys' contingency fees, which the governor said is "30-some percent."

Of the $12.386 million supplemental budget, $7.424 million is from gross revenue tax collection from prior years but were only recently collected, along with $700,000 in wage and salary tax from prior years, and $371,724 in prior years' personal income tax.

"The first three categories [gross revenue tax, wage and salary tax, and personal income tax] related to prior year taxes that have recently been collected through aggressive collection efforts," the governor said in his transmittal letter to the Legislature.

Inos said there was an "impasse" in the Millard tax case, but the CNMI government took the opportunity to settle with the technology mogul.

"And we know we're not going to get $100 million from that claim…In fact, some people believe we'll get zero from that thing. But we got whatever we got and that will be included in the supplemental budget," Inos said in an interview yesterday morning.

The governor didn't want to disclose the exact amount of the Millard settlement, along with the amount paid to New York-based law firm Kobre & Kim that the then-Fitial administration tapped to help in the tax case.

For more than 20 years, Millard was one of the world's most elusive tax exiles until Kobre & Kim tracked him down on Grand Cayman Island in the western Caribbean in 2010.

Inos said the settlement was reached some three weeks ago and they just got the final settlement agreement document.

The governor said the CNMI was offered the Millard mansion and castle.

"But we said 'no.' We need the cash," he added.

Millard sold his interests in ComputerLand Corp. retail chain for over $200 million while he and his family were living on Saipan decades ago.

Supplemental budget

There are nine sources of funding for the projected $12.386 million supplemental budget, including the gross revenue tax, wage and salary tax, and personal income tax.

The others are $1.5 million in excise tax, $126,000 in beautification tax, additional Marianas Public Land Trust interest-transfer out of $608,543, and $610,688 in reduction in MPLT transfer-out.

The government also received dividend distribution of $250,000 from its investment in UMDA.

Inos said $945,045 is net proceeds from the sale of the Mariana House in Washington, D.C. The CNMI bought the property in 1982 for $250,000.

As what he had been stating before, the supplemental budget is set aside for only two specific items—$5 million will go into the retirement settlement trust fund, and $7.386 million for the government's health and life insurance premium payments.

Inos said he looks forward to "speedy legislative action on the additional budget authority."

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday he will immediately refer the governor's supplemental budget to the Ways and Means Committee that Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) chairs.

Notice Of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, June 5th, 2014 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of May 8th, 2014 minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings
1. Conditional Use Application #2014-1558: NGC Saipan, LLC is proposing to operate a boating/ canoeing business in Susupe lake area. This use is classified as "Amusement, Outdoor" and is permitted in the Public Resource district as a Conditional Use. The center (check-in) and snack bar for this activity will be located on lot 005 H 79 in Susupe, zoned as Village Residential.
2. Conditional Use Application #2014-1792: Dongbei S. Inc. dba Diamond Water is proposing to occupy an existing warehouse facility on Lot 1877-3-1-R1 in Gualo Rai for water bottling operation. This use is classified as "Manufacturing and Processing" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is the former location of Elite Printing, southeast of Marpac, and is zoned as Village Commercial.
3. Conditional Use Application #2014-1106: H.S. Lee Construction is proposing to construct a 3-storey hotel with 36 rooms and commercial spaces on TR 21073 and TR 21074 on Beach Road, Garapan. This use is classified as "Hotel" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is located north of Joeten Hafadai Shopping Center, and across from I Love Saipan building. It is zoned as Tourist Resort.

C. Communications/ Reports

D. Old Business
1. Update on Nuisance Abatement & Blighted Property Maintenance Act of 2013, authored by Representative Larry I. Deleon Guerrero, 18th CNMI Legislature

E. New Business
1. Office operations report

F. Executive (Closed) Session.

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

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for
H.S. Lee Construction

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House OKs bill lowering cost of Army Corps projects in NMI

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The House of Representatives took final action yesterday on a bill that will significantly cut the local cost of some water infrastructure projects in the Northern Mariana Islands, passing the measure 412–4. The Water Resources Reform and Development Act contains a provision added by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) that will adjust the waiver of local cost sharing for Army Corps of Engineers projects on the islands from the current $200,000 to over $400,000. The bill also provides new eligibility for the Northern Marianas to receive funding to protect shorelines and areas vulnerable to flooding.

"The waiver of the first $200,000 of the local cost share for Corps projects was set in 1986," explained Sablan. "And with inflation over the last 28 years the value of that $200,000 has been cut in half.

"The provision I added to WRRDA will require the Army Corps to recalculate the waiver amount, adjusting for inflation. So the waiver should be on the first $400,000 or so, once the Corps makes the new calculation.

"Or to put it another way, an Army Corps project will now be able to go forward in the Northern Marianas without the need for $400,000 in local funds."

Recent Army Corps projects in the CNMI have included improvements to the Rota Harbor completed in 2008 and the ongoing Susupe-Chalan Kanoa Drainage Plan to fix flooding in those two villages. On the drawing boards are the Outer Cove Marina and the Saipan Lagoon Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration projects.

The 412-4 vote on passage reflects the bipartisan nature of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act. But it took over a year to bring the bill to this point. The Senate passed a version in May 2013 and the House in October, five months later. Then the bill sat, waiting for appointment of conference committee members to work out differences between the House and Senate bills.

In November 2013, Sablan joined 29 colleagues from both sides of the aisle in a letter urging Speaker John Boehner and Democrat Leader Nancy Pelosi to appoint conferees, which the two party leaders soon did. But it took another six months for the conference committee to find common ground and file their final version of the bill, H.R. 3080, which the House approved today.

The Senate may vote on final passage and send the bill to the President for signature by the end of this week.

"I am very grateful to Chairman Bill Shuster and to his Democratic counterpart on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Nick Rahall, who helped get our special provisions for the Northern Mariana Islands into the larger bill," Sablan said. "They also both deserve congratulations for putting together a complicated package of legislation that only four House Members voted against."

It has been seven years since the last water resources bill was enacted. ***(Office of the Delegate)***

Head Start now recruiting children and families for new school year

The CNMI PSS Head Start Program is currently accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year. Head Start is a federally funded pre-school program that provides comprehensive services to eligible children and families on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Recruitment is ongoing but space is limited so it is important that families apply today.

Who should apply? Families with children ages 3 and 4 including families with children who turn 5 years old after the cutoff age for kindergarten, Sept. 30; families receiving public assistance, such as SSI; families that meet the income guidelines; families with a child who has an IEP; foster care families; a homeless family.

How do I apply? Natural parents or legal guardians need to complete and submit the Head Start application packet. In addition to the application packet, the following documents are needed to apply for Head Start services:

Head Start Program physical exam, dental health record and immunization record forms; School Health Entrance Certificate; proof of all family income such as 1040, W2, two paycheck stubs, statement from employer, or SSI documents; child's birth certificate; child's Social Security card; child's medical insurance coverage; verification of participation in programs such as WIC, NAP, LIHEAP, housing assistance, and/or Medicaid, if applicable; parent(s)/guardian(s) photo identification and visa/immigration document (if applicable); legal documents relating to guardianship or custody; copy of child's IEP, if your child has a disability.

Applications and information regarding eligibility documentation are available at the Head Start office and centers or by calling 323-7446/7447 to request documents be e-mailed to you.

The Head Start Office is located at 1259 Phonpei Way, Capital Hill and is open Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm. Head Start Center are in Chalan Kanoa, Chinatown, Dandan, Kagman, Oleai, San Antonio, Tanapag, San Jose (Tinian), Sinapalo, and Songsong (Rota).

Recruitment outreach

The Head Start Program will be conducting a recruitment outreach opportunity on Saipan at the Nutrition Assistance Program office in As Lito during NAP issuance period, June 2 - 6, 2014, from 8am to 11:30am. Program staff will be prepared to distribute and receive applications on site. ***(Head Start)***

Untalan graduates from US Naval Academy

U.S. Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Victorino "Champ" Torres Untalan, son of Pedro T. and Elizabeth (deceased) Torres Untalan, will graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, tomorrow, May 23, 2014, and will be commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Untalan

Untalan successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical, and professional training, resulting in a bachelor of science degree with a major in History.

Following graduation, Untalan has been assigned for further training at the U.S. Marine Corps "The Basic School" located in Quantico, Virginia.

Untalan is a 2009 graduate of Marianas High School on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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The Brigade of Midshipmen is comprised of more than 4,000 students from every state and territory in the union. ***(PR)***

Prayer to St. Rita
O Holy Patroness of those in need, St. Rita, whose pleadings before thy Divine Lord are almost irresistible, who for thy lavishness in granting favors hast been called the Advocate of the Hopeless and even of the Impossible; St. Rita, so humble, so pure, so mortified, so patient and of such compassionate love for thy Crucified Jesus that thou couldst obtain from Him whatsoever thou askest, on account of which all confidently have recourse to thee, expecting, if not always relief, at least comfort; be propitious to our petition, showing thy power with God on behalf of thy suppliant; be lavish to us, as thou hast been in so many wonderful cases, for the greater glory of God, for the spreading of thine own devotion, and for the consolation of those who trust in thee. We promise, if our petition is granted, to glorify thee by making known thy favor, to bless and sing thy praises forever. Relying then upon thy merits and power before the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we pray thee that (here mention your request).
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St. Rita was born in Umbria, Italy, about the year 1386, and died at Cascia, in the year 1456. Being the daughter of parents who were advanced in years, she met with much opposition when she let it be known of your intention of becoming a nun. Yielding to her parents desires, she married a cruel man. After converting him from his wicked ways, he was murdered by criminals. Left alone in the world, she applied several times for admissions into the Augustinian convent in Cascia.
Every application was refused, and God Himself cleared away all obstacles and she entered the convent, made her profession and lived the life of a holy and devout religious for forty-two years, "a shining example of every Christian virtue, pure as a lily, simple as a dove, and obedient as an angel." That "God is wonderful in His saints" is easily proven in the life of St. Rita.
On one occasion Rita requested a rose to be brought to her from her garden at Porena in the middle of winter. The rose was found in full bloom. At another time, she asked for a fig, and the same was found.
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What college kids don't want to hear

Last week, former UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau joined a growing group of prominent public figures who have declined invitations to speak at college commencement ceremonies because of protests. Birgeneau—and the students who might have been edified by his remarks—are victims of a shortsighted censoriousness that is becoming a familiar feature of graduation season.

Birgeneau withdrew as a commencement speaker at Haverford College in Pennsylvania after some students there sent him a letter threatening to oppose his appearance unless he apologized (again) for the use of force against Occupy movement protesters at UC Berkeley in November 2011, and unless he complied with a long list of other demands.

One was that he write an open letter to Haverford students "explaining your position on the events of Nov. 9, what you learned from them, how you have put what you learned into practice and how your actions have or have not been in line with the values of peace, nonviolence and political participation." As a grace note, the students conceded that Birgeneau had done admirable work on behalf of "LGBT rights, affordable education and the plight of undocumented students."

Not surprisingly, Birgeneau sent his regrets. He follows former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who declined an offer to speak at commencement ceremonies at Rutgers University, and International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde, who withdrew as the commencement speaker at Smith College.

Rice's appearance was opposed by some students and professors because of her role in what the Rutgers Faculty Council called the George W. Bush administration's "effort to mislead the American people about the presence of weapons of mass destruction" in Iraq. A student petition at Smith College objected to Lagarde's participation because IMF development programs in poor countries have "led directly to the strengthening of imperialist and patriarchal systems that oppress and abuse women worldwide."

It's true, as one of Rice's critics has pointed out, that academic freedom doesn't guarantee the right to be a commencement speaker or receive an honorary degree. Colleges are free to invite whom they please to address students at their graduation, and may have good reasons not to choose particularly partisan or polarizing figures. And students certainly have a right to respectfully protest a speaker with whom they disagree.

Still, the cascade of canceled speeches is worrying for several reasons. First, there is the uncompromising nature of the opposition: the demand that a speaker agree 100 percent with the protesters. This insistence on doctrinal purity is antithetical to the notion that a university ought to be an environment in which students, far from being protected from opposing views, are challenged to engage with them.

Second, as is often the case with the politics of denunciation, the rhetoric is strident and overblown. Even if one believes that the Bush administration exaggerated the evidence that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction, that doesn't mean Rice is a liar (or, as some students claimed, a war criminal). And while the IMF's proposals for financial reform in the developing world are a legitimate subject of debate, the demonization of the agency as an agent of imperialism is absurd.

Attempts to pre-empt speech on campus aren't limited to

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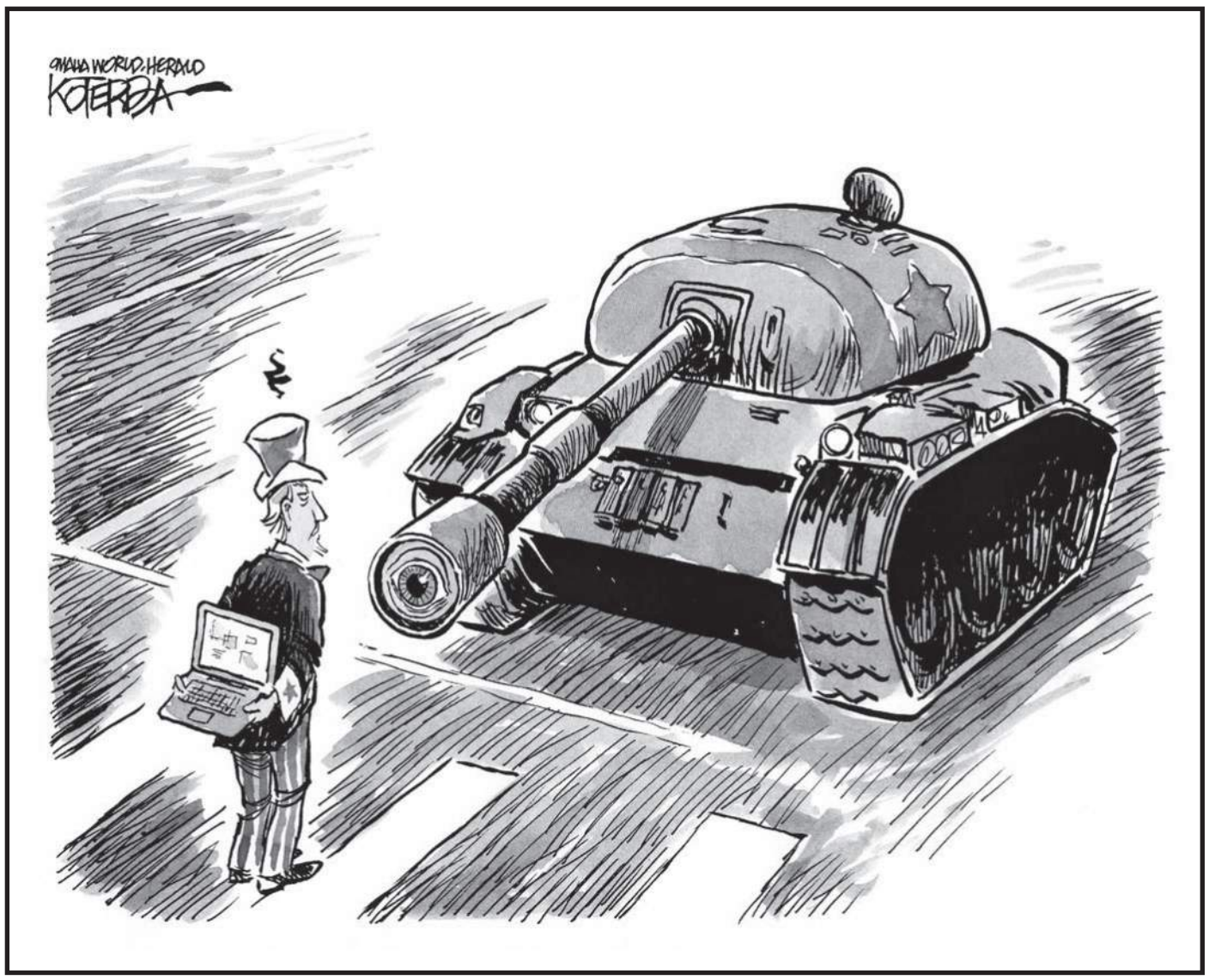

Ze Harvey Milk Day

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Michael Sam just became the first openly gay football player to be drafted in the NFL and he is getting media attention whose questions are seldom related to his play skills, game knowledge, and sporting attitude. It is his sexual orientation that gets the attention.

Harvey Milk was the first openly gay politician elected into public office in the U.S. There are 45 assassinated American politicians in the history of the nation by 2010, elected or appointed to office, or were candidates for elected office. Mayor George Mascone and Board of Supervisors' member Harvey Milk in San Francisco were gunned down by Dan White in 1978, the latter also a member of the board who earlier resigned in protest but wanted to be reinstated. When the mayor refused, White pulled the trigger, and went out the door to the hallway where he bumped into board member Milk. White took Milk to another room and pumped another five lead trajectories into his body.

The story retracing Milk's life featuring Sean Penn in an award-winning feature film *Milk* encouraged in 2009 then-California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to sign a state legislature law that he vetoed the year before in declaring a statewide Harvey Milk Day, now of special significance for public schools and the city of San Francisco, an *avant garde* and cutting edge city of social change and radical behavior.

I use "ze" for what I routinely write as "s/he" to denote a third person singular pronoun, not to deny gender difference but to allow those who prefer a designation on psychology rather than biology their own pronoun. (Not original to me, "ze" word was started and promoted by a high school student who noticed that many languages do not have gender distinctions.) I am no expert on the world refereed to as the "third kind" but I am no stranger to it either, and though, I, too, sometimes mirror reflexively the homophobic social milieu of my upbringing, I tend to be more sensitive and responsive to their downtrodden plight in our still prejudiced society.

Two score years before this visit to the city by the Bay I was introduced to the North Beach district of the city by a bisexual guardian who started my education on the grey side of the sexual divide. A maritime sailor who waited on our ocean liner table when I first crossed the Pacific, he had been to Polynesia and had a life-turning jolt among the *Fa'afafine,* biological sons deliberately raised as females. I saw this in Samoa, Tonga, and Hawai'i, not only among families who only had boys, but also as a social acceptance of males who felt, thought, and acted as females. (The regions' challenge was in dealing with females who acted similarly as males, or preferred the intimacy of their "own kind"!)

It was in the Bay area where I learned of matinee idol Rock Hudson who managed to make a woman out of tomboyish Doris Day in the screen but, like midnight-voiced Johnny Mathis, preferred pillow talk with his own bio-gender, frequenting dives along Geary Street that were illegal but tolerated in the mid-'60s! But all these then were kept hush-hush, as they were routinely cop-busted when a moralist voice among the populace is raised.

Not in 2010. Four years ago, I bunked for a week at an old colleague's apartment in the Castro District of San Francisco, where Harvey Milk opened his camera shop with his partner, now home of the GLBT, etc., community. Of great creativity in film and the visual art, my host was a sonny-come-lately emergent from the closet on his sexual orientation, sharply intolerant against those who made fun, to say the least, of the third gender. The reflex is understandable. He grew up in a foothill of the Appalachia where the distinction between genders is kept sharp and any dissenting voice is best muted.

Anyway, nothing in Castro District was out of the ordinary. The shops, the bars, and the grocery stores appeared like that in any Main Street, USA save the community had and has a high and active "third kind" population who did not, nor does it still, take too kindly to being discriminated in any form because of sexual orientation.

A crude joke is that the medical profession was lucky that I did not turn out to be an M.D. since I would have been a disastrous gynecologist! Not too accurate, the same bias is now leveled against Michael Sam as he joins a high-contact male sport. My photographer brother has always been partial to Club Meds, though he does not covertly click his camera on unwary sunbathers, but the spirit of Club Med has come to the NFL shower rooms. It may finally confirm what many head shrinks have long expressed: that the gender of any one is ultimately not what is between the legs but in what is between the temples in the cranium of the mind!

That's where the gay (the adjective, not the noun) ambivalence of the day lies. We shan't remember Harvey Milk as a human being but as an assertive gay rights political activist. Not that important. At least he would not countenance anyone who refused him full membership in the human race where he rightly and proudly belonged.

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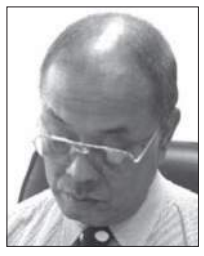

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I para tafan amku` ti umahñau. Ti este i presisu na kuestion soluke kau u guaha monedan familia para i mas manpresisu siha na obligasion gi inamko`mu?

`Nai man-brabu hit (idat 30-50) i pagamiento-ta paire. Kanaha` taya` estotbot-ta sa` libianu hit kalamten. Siempre un` fattu gi atbansau na idat `nai kontodu sueddu maribaha ni dañkulu. Estague` ayu na tiempu i hu sasañgan. Na guaha preparasion para `an ginacha` hau chata`an.

Huñgan man-gaige famaguon-ta. Lau siha lokue` man-gai obligasion. Hafa ya kumama hau dispues? Nahoñg pinilomu salape` para este na mattiempu? Guaha para apas hospitat yan diariu na mantension-mu?

Ti todu u fan kualifikau ayudon programan federat tat kumu Medicaid yan Medicare `sino food stamps. Estague` na grupu mas sinapet `nai ginen monedan familia todu gastun niha. Afañielos, che`gue fina sakrifisiu pa`gu mientras sisiña. Hagu ha` para un` finana` gi disposision-mu mamo`lu para `an mattu ayu na chata`an.

Dibuenamente

Apmam tiempu ha pasensiaye tinanomña nigas. Deste un` pot gadas ha tanom gi halom latan pitroliu. Diariu ha satpe hanom yan abunuye. Satton gi este na offisiuña pot apmam na tiempu.

Ha godde alamle `nos kuantos ramas pot para u dobla gi malago`ña. Dos años dispues bonitu linachokña ayu na nigas. Hafa i puntu? Relasion!

Yaña troñkun nigas ya maseha keke`yau esta i amku` ti mahñau malag kanton kantit pot para u fañule simiyaña. Ayu huli`e bonitun chalegña kulan mohon ha adiñgañgane tinanomña.

Mafaisen dispues ni hagaña para fahan i nigas. Ha renunsiague` bumende lau hana`e i patgon ni bonitun nigas ni ha assiste ginen i korasoña kumu regalu.

■■■

Gi katman noche un` huñgog finatton silensiu. Sinede hau pumula` asuntomu pot para un` deskansa. Gi halom silensiu un` huñgog mensahe ni tatnai mattu gi talañgamu.

Sinede hau lokue` manayuyot yan bisitasion gi man-mofo`na. Pas yan katma este na patte gi ha`anita. Mas libianu karera-ta estake man-deskansa hit. Na`en ñaihon todu regalumu sa` ni unu iyomu.

Man-ñahlalañg

Kinententu: Este na kondision taigue gi hafa malago`ta soluke satisfechu hit yan ta aksepta hafa guinaha-ta. Kulan sumulu` tasi: Baliña i un` kachu` ni gaige gi halom bote ke miyon gi sanhiyuñg.

■■■

Mattu i mediku man-riseta `nai ha finaisen i malañgu (kada ha pacha patte gi estomaguña) "Does this hurt?"—kau puti este? Ti malagu` man-oppe. Finaisen ni intetprete haf` na ti ha o`oppe i mediku pot putiña. "Ke ya hafa na ti ilegña pain?" Aike, sa` gai chinacha` finu` Eñglis!

■■■

Tumalag halom un` sindalun Navy gi un` tenda antes. Ha faisen i dos tenderan natibu kuantu baliña i sintiron ni makakana` gi un` banda. Uma`atan i dos sa` ni unu tumuñgu` hafa sinturon gi finu` Eñglis. Ha atotgague` i unu, "Oh, dis sitiurion?" Diberas! Atotgante!

■■■

Sige i dos pitbetsu umasablasus finu` Chamorro pot para umaestablese haye profitariu i paire. `Nai sige masarigate` i unu, ha birague ya mamaisen, "OK, haf` achagamu tumates?" Esta pa`gu man-adisgustau sa` taya` kabales na ineppe.

■■■

Man-hame man-maneska yan dos primuhu ni ginen umadisgustu un` tiempu. `Nai matachoñg dispues hu faisen i unu haf` na mana` pagamientugue`.

Ilegña, "Ahe`, lalalu` si prim pot ti buntunes chininahu". Todu i man-estaba humuñgog pot "buntunes" (batunes). Ai na chaleg `nai hu lalatdde i man-domu na muñga matrukus i primun mame pot tiha "buntunes" chininaña.

■■■

Sige amiguhu Magoo ha esplikaye-yu` pot haf` sensian integredat. Duru lokue` bisbis guafen sekosña pot man-dakun membron lehislatura. Hu apagat na muñga mana` oppan pot dinage `nai ti seguru-gue` na faktu i hasasañgan. Ilegña, "Bradda, tell da true!" Tihu oppe sa` hinalulula-yu`. Tatnai sisida uma-ekstende aguaguatña.

■■■

Mañgge` un` sindalu-ta ginen Halimañia katta para si nanaña. Ti siña ha danche trumanslada "Dear Mom". Uttimoña ha pega papa` "Binadu Nañg". Pa`gu `nai fotmat man-kelaguen hit!

■■■

Mafaisen un` infetmera para u translada "Mental Ward". Ha tuge`, "Sagan Lañga`". Ai, po`lu mohon maseha hafa na palabra gi hilu` dobladan pinasensia.

■■■

Mana` kanta unu na malañgu `nai mabesita un` gobietnu gi alacha. Ha saulag "Jingle Bells". `Nai mattu gi "Oh what fun" hana` halom "a Lexus ride". Man-atan i gobietnu ya ha faisen un` tautauña kau guiya fumana`gue i malañgu pot sedaña Lexus. Dios mihu na grasia!

■■■

Masoda` un` biha ni dos bulacheru gi seputtura sige tumañges. Mafaisen haf` guaha, ilegña, "Mananayuyot-yu` sa` deste finataihu ni unuyu` humassu". Dios mihu!

■■■

Man-apagat si Magoo na mientras brarabu i tautau, u fan usune manayuyot para siañkassu soplu gi tinayuyot familia. Ai, kasse ni tiempon eleksion taisuette i namase` na animas.

■■■

Dispues hana` guaha si Magoo konfirensia gi halom simenteyu. Sige bumanidosu na man-mauleg na kombiti sa` man-tai atburotu ya ni unu gai kuestion. Naturatmiente sa` todu man-gaige gi papa` odda`. Dios mihu Magoo! Pindehote!

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graduation ceremonies, and come mostly, but not exclusively, from students and faculty who think of themselves as progressive. For example, last fall, protesters at Brown University who were outraged over the New York Police Department's "stop and frisk" policy prevented Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly from delivering a lecture on "Proactive Policing in America's Biggest City." Their assumption was that Kelly had forfeited his right to speak because he presided over a "racist" police department.

The notion that free speech and tolerance of opposing views are values that can be sacrificed in the cause of freedom and equality has a long pedigree. But it has no place on a college campus, on graduation day or at any other time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kiridu CNMI people

Too many politicians forget that they are elected to represent all their constituents as one Commonwealth and not just to play some political game of chess. It's election year and promises are dime a dozen. Those in office will make more promises for political reasons and not because it's good for our islands and people but for their re-election purposes. Sad to say we have been for years electing many self-interest candidates into offices.

Here is where we are: Leadership has checked out. Band-aid approaches to better governance are never lasting solutions. It is undeniable that the people of the Commonwealth suffer as a direct result of the absence of a cohesive plan to stabilize the economy and to open opportunities for all. Procrastination, the good ol' boy system, patronage, and most of all the absence of common sense are the main factors that compound the inability of our politicians to effectively lead. A lack of wisdom and experience has always been our greatest downfall. Legislators make promises and take action on matters they do not understand and are too proud to admit that they do not understand, and then pass the blame to somebody when their schemes fail. *Umbre, gachon, ti hita chumogui enao na aktu.*

The Retirement Fund, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and the Commonwealth Health Center are all on the brink of extinction. We have a government that, rather than take legal action to collect what taxes are due from Tinian Dynasty, they negotiate for less. This is what we call smart leadership at best! We have a CUC that is protected under the disguise of an executive order but there is no protection for the families who have to spend their entire paychecks for utilities with nothing left for food or gas to get to work. We have a Senate that is controlled by Tinian and Rota members who fail in their belief that their respective islands contribute anything to the general fund for the government operations of essential services on their islands. We have a Senate that pays its members $5,000 a month for expenses, on top of their salaries, while their constituents have to scrape by to put food on the table and are denied adequate medical care, and interisland transportation is practically nonexistent. This is shameful.

If we continue to ignore the fact that our economy has fallen off the planet, we are all complicit and, just like our politicians, a ship of fools. We may as well go back to the canoe.

We need to repair our tourism-based economy. We need to create activities for our tourists to attract them to come to this beautiful Commonwealth. With a strong economy, the Commonwealth as whole will have less problems including financial shortfalls, employment, higher wages, and Rota and Tinian will once again be alive.

Tell our politicians to stand up and show some leadership. Wake up, Marianas, as our days are numbered.

Edward Peter
Garapan, Saipan

Thanks judge, the face off, zip line and cable cars

It was a good day of news when I read the three stories in the title of this letter. First and foremost, Honorable Judge Ramona V. Manglona's decision to strike down a racist law and allow all citizens to vote on Article 12 is surely the tip of the spear that will kill all racism in CNMI laws. Being an African-American who was literally robbed of my culture and rights and had to fight to get them back, I can truly appreciate what the NMDs are trying to do but they are doing it in the wrong way by trying to construct a wall of social imperialism, which I have written about many times. "All men are created equal" is the philosophical spear that killed slavery, it killed segregation, it liberated blacks, women, and all people of color, giving them the right to vote and it guards the people against discrimination by their race, color, creed, religion, or sex! Thank God almighty we are all equal at last in the CNMI. Thank you from the center of my heart, Judge Manglona, on behalf of all the disenfranchised citizens who now have their rights to participate in every political process in the CNMI. God bless America and the federal court for saving equality again!

The face-off between Best Sunshine and Marianas Stars is on, even though it may not matter who will win the bout because there is a good possibility of the band-aid casino law being repealed and marijuana being legalized for a complete fix to our economy if voters can be one people one more time just like they were in the last election. Voters only got rid of the governor who caused the problem but we didn't fix the problem—our economy.

As for Best Sunshine and Stars, citizens are already pulling for Stars because we know Stars. Stars has even made it known that they are willing to support a law that will require people to be a guest of the hotel or a guest of the hotel's guest to enter the casino. The CNMI already has an established working relationship with Stars and their credibility is not in question. Best Sunshine is rightfully upset because Stars already looks more appealing and we haven't even seen the proposals. It was supposed to be only Best Sunshine who seemingly thought the fix was in for them, especially when the governor was trying to get a Chinese group to do the background checks. I guess I helped to spoil that for Best Sunshine with my *This is Not China* letter to the governor. Anyway, best of wishes to Stars because if the casino does become a reality, at least there is a good possibility now that we will have an investor we already know who is willing to try and even lead in sheltering the local population from the illnesses of gambling, which is something that should play big in the commissioners' final decision.

The other great news is that investors are now looking to brighten up the CNMI as a tourist destination with the zip lines and cable cars. Thank you, investors! Now if we can only legalize marijuana so they will have the costumers they need to really prosper because casinos are not going to bring tourists that will go on zip lines and ride cable cars but marijuana will! I can only pray that voters will have the fortitude and wisdom to fix our government and our economy in November.

P.S.: I would like to borrow a phrase from Gary Dubrall who said, "There are no clear-cut answers to some of life's dilemmas anymore, only intelligent choices." The choice between casino and marijuana to fix our economy is clear as a casino can never compete with marijuana in attracting tourists to the CNMI.

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲61	▼53
Beijing	Sunny	▲98	▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲83	▼79
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼72
London	Thundershowers	▲68	▼54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲94	▼80
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼58
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼73
New York	Showers	▲68	▼59
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲73	▼54
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼55
Pusan	Sunny	▲73	▼60
Rome	Sunny	▲82	▼62
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼50
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲63	▼52
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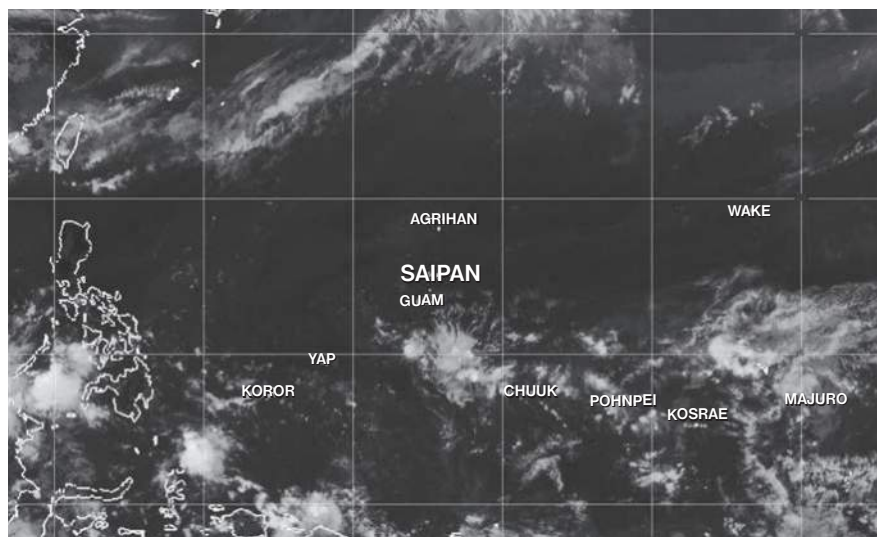

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Saipan Harbor

3:15 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
9:36 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
2:35 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
9:13 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:41 PM
Friday	5:47 AM	6:41 PM
Saturday	5:47 AM	6:41 PM
Sunday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Monday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:36 PM	12:47 PM
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Sunday	2:51 AM	3:33 PM
Monday	3:36 AM	4:27 PM

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UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:20pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
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OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways; ORB: OREN AIR; D2: Dynamic Air

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

Songsong's SPAM Taco wins 1st place in cook-off

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The winners: From left, Andrew Jon Songsong, first place; Jim Rayphand, second place; and Jean Ballesteros, third place.

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Max Kretzers, left, resident manager of D&Q Saipan, has his picture taken with SPAM Cook-off judges, from second left, Jake Villanueva, executive chef, Naked Fish Bar 'n Grill; Clarence Tenorio, vice president, Joeten Enterprises; and Mark Ratliff, general manager, Kanoa Resort.

Members of the crowd sample the entries. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The three judges check out the different entries. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

D&Q hosted a SPAM cook-off last Saturday in collaboration with Joeten Susupe, which is celebrating its 65th anniversary this year.

Andrew Jon Songsong won first place in the competition with his SPAM Taco creation, besting nine other contestants. He brought home $650 cash, lunch for two at Isla Café, Kanoa Resort, and a case of assorted SPAM.

In second place was Jim Rayphand, with his SPAMANA Muffin, while third place went to Jean Ballesteros with her creation, which she dubbed SPAMTONS. Rayphand won $365 cash plus a case of assorted SPAM, while Ballesteros got $165 and a case of assorted SPAM.

The competition required the contestants to come up with unique food creations using SPAM as the main ingredient. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP NO.: RFP14-CHCC-096

SUBMISSION DATE: JUNE 16, 2014 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

"TO PROVIDE DATA SYSTEMS FOR THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM FOR THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION"

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHCC

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

Commonwealth Zoning Board
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Zoning Officer Positions

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking qualified applicants for the positions of Zoning Officers. These are full-time positions on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Duties and Responsibilities: Process permit applications including reviewing applications for compliance, tracking timelines and public notice requirements, coordinating interagency consultations, and preparing written recommendations; Conduct field surveys to inspect compliance with the Zoning Law and to collect land use information; Educate and inform the public and applicants about the zoning program and permit requirements; Gather information to update the GIS; Maintain detailed records of all actions, using paper and electronic media; Update permit information on the database; Other duties as required.

Minimum Requirements: Graduation from an accredited two-year college or university with an AA Degree. The following professional experience may substitute for the AA Degree: A minimum of 2 years of experience in any combination of land use planning, zoning, public administration, public health, business management, public policy, natural resource management, environmental management, land management, or related field; Proficiency with office software including MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Explorer. Other desired experiences include ability to drive a stick-shift car and to walk into construction sites and across rough terrain; Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing; Ability to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends. Applicant must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

The salary begins at $25,000.00, commensurate with qualifications and experience. Health, life and retirement benefits are provided. Information about the Zoning Board and the Zoning Office may be viewed at the Zoning Board website: www.zoning.gov.mp. Application submittals should be addressed to Theresa T. Ogumoro, Zoning Administrator. Submittals may be sent via e-mail, FAX, U.S. mail, or hand delivered to the address below. Submittals must include a letter of interest, a CNMI application for Employment, and a resume. The Application for Employment may be obtained from the Zoning Office. Applicants must be US citizens, permanent residents or immediate relatives. Please Send submittals to: E-mail: Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp or by Hand Delivery to Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

The deadline to receive applications and all requirements is Friday, May 30th, at 4:30pm.

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Friday, May 23, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda

II. Public Comments

III. Reports
a. Chair's Report
b. Executive Director's Report

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business
a) TCGCC Resolution re: action upon preliminary review and decision of Casino License Application of Mega Stars Overseas Limited

VI. Executive Session

VII. Miscellaneous/ Administrative Matters

VIII. Adjournment

[1]Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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CNMI Motheread/Fatheread hosts completion ceremony

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San Antonio Head Start CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The CNMI Motheread/Fatheread proudly presented yet another successfully Combined Head Start Completion Ceremony on May 2, 2014, 5:30pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center. An amazing 197 people attended the event with special presentations from the following Head Start Centers: Dandan, Oleai, Chalan Kanoa, Tanapag, Kagman, JMR, and San Antonio. Emcees for the night were San Antonio Head Start instructor Ivan Garces and Motheread assistant coordinator Bryan Manabat. Welcoming remarks were given by Motheread assistant coordinator Beth Demapan.

Meanwhile, parent participant Sheila Muna and Northern Marianas Humanities Council's program officer Eulalia Villagomez delivered brief remarks for the night.

William S. Reyes Elementary School's Story Exploring Class led by Story Exploring instructor Romeo Silvano and AmeriCorps volunteers provided a beautiful intermission dance number.

Special guests included Head Start Program director Melissa Palacios, Head Start Education and Disabilities manager Lathania Angui Santos, and Joeten Kiyu Public Library Technical Services librarian Rosalyn Ajoste, who were on hand to assist in certificate presentations.

Certificates were awarded to 45 parents and 54 Story Exploring children.

Thank you to the entire Motheread Team, partners, and volunteers for making our Combined Head Start Completion Ceremony an overwhelming success! We appreciate and recognize all of your hard work and commitment in continuing to make us—the CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Literacy Program—the Northern Marianas Humanities Council's signature Literacy Program.

We congratulate all of you parents and children! Cheers to your commitment for literacy and to your devotion to your children's educational success! Truly, "Literacy Changes Lives, Motheread Changes Literacy."

The CNMI Motheread/Fatheread Literacy Program is administered by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council in partnership with the CNMI Public School System, the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, and the Joeten Kiyu Public Library. ***(PR)***

San Antonio Head Start CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

William S. Reyes Head Start CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tanapag Head Start CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Delta, Asiana donate tickets for HANMI golf tourney

Two roundtrip tickets to the United States on Delta Air Lines will go to some lucky winner at the 13th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament slated for June 7, 2014. Also up for grabs is a roundtrip ticket to Asia or Europe, donated by Asiana Airlines.

Registration for the tournament is now open, with applications available at www.saipanhotels.org, HANMI member hotels, and local golf courses.

Delta Air Lines and Asiana Airlines join the list of hole-in-one sponsors at the event, to be held at Mariana Country Club. If not won as a hole-in-one prize on the course, the tickets will be raffled off at the awards dinner that evening.

Other hole-in-one prizes include $20,000 from Bridge Capital, $20,000 from Century Tours, and $20,000 from Century Hotel/Tribes Bar. Triple J Motors has also donated a 2014 Mitsubishi Outlander and a 2014 Hyundai Elantra. Other prizes include a one-year accident insurance policy from Century Insurance and Chivas Regal from Titan.

"With the overwhelming support of Delta, Asiana, and our other sponsors, we are running out of holes for our hole-in-one prizes!" said tournament chair Steve Balakrishna. "We are expecting a full house come tournament day, so we strongly encourage golfers to take advantage of the $105 early bird fee and register early to guarantee their slot."

The tournament is open to the first 144 paid registrants. Cash and numerous in-kind prizes await the winners, and proceeds of the tournament will be contributed to community charities.

Early bird tournament fee is $105 for payments received by 5pm, June 5. The fee increases to $125 after the early bird deadline. The fee includes green fee and the evening awards banquet at Pacific Islands Club Saipan on tournament day. For an additional $25, players may also compete for nearest to the pin, most accurate drive, and longest drive. The tournament will start at 7am.

The tournament features six categories: Championship Flight, A Flight, B Flight, C Flight, Seniors and Ladies. Players in the championship Flight must have 0-6 handicaps, while those in A Flight are 7-11 handicappers. The B Flight is for players with 12-17 handicap, while C Flight are for players with handicap 18 and up. Senior Flight is for ages 55 and up.

First place winners of all flights will receive $300, a trophy, and a hotel stay at one of the HANMI member-hotels. Second place finishers will receive $200, a trophy and gift certificate at one of the HANMI member-hotels, and third place winners will receive $100, a trophy and gift certificate at one of the HANMI member-hotels. Winners for the Ladies Flight will be determined using the Double Peoria handicap system. ***(HANMI)***

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Delta Air Lines sales account executive Chris Concepcion, center, presents two roundtrip tickets to any Delta destination in the United States as a hole-in-one prize for the 13th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Tournament Classic. From left are tournament chair Steve Balakrishnan, committee member Kanani Sablan, Concepcion, committee member Janeeka Atalig, and Steve Jang. Registration is now open for the tournament, slated for June 7, 2014, at Mariana Country Club.

Diver with severe decompression illness airlifted from remote atoll

APRA HARBOR, Guam—A diver suffering from severe decompression sickness was successfully airlifted from Chuuk Atoll to Guam by the Coast Guard on Wednesday.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Guam received a medevac request Monday from Chuuk State Hospital for a 51-year-old American male suffering from severe decompression sickness. A Coast Guard flight surgeon, a naval dive medical officer and the patient's attending physician consulted and recommended a medevac as the hyperbaric chamber in Chuuk was inoperable.

Two HC-130 Hercules crews launched from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point Tuesday evening with a three-person medical team from Kalawao Rescue. Kalawao Rescue is a Hawaii-based disaster medical team that provides initial and follow-on medical response to major emergencies and disasters.

The airplane landed in Kwajelain Tuesday night to swap crews and refuel before continuing to Chuuk. The patient was then safely flown to Guam Memorial Hospital for treatment.

The aircrew flew more than 4,000 miles from Hawaii to Guam to complete the medevac. This is comparable to dispatching an ambulance from Miami to respond to a patient in Anchorage. The 14th Coast Guard District encompasses more than 12.2 million square miles of the Central and South Pacific. The HC-130, the primary means of conducting long range missions, is scheduled to be replaced by the HC-130J, which will bring increased speed, range and capability to the Coast Guard mission in the Pacific. ***(USCG)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 5th birthday to Jillian Jade P. Concepcion! May the good Lord bless and guide you in all the days of your precious life. We love you unconditionally! Love, Elijah Jude, Mommy, and Daddy.

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, seated, is flanked by providers, volunteers and other community members after signing on Friday a proclamation declaring May 18 to 24 National Prevention Week. This year's theme, "Our Lives. Our Health. Our Future." highlights the important role each community member has in maintaining a healthy life and ensuring a productive future. The CNMI is not immune to the nationwide problems of substance abuse and mental health.

'Our Lives. Our Health. Our Future'

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

"Our lives. Our Health. Our Future" was the binding theme after Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed a proclamation last Friday, May 16, declaring the week of May 18 to 24 as National Prevention Week.

The proclamation highlights the important role of everyone in maintaining a healthy life and ensuring a productive future.

National Prevention Week seeks to raise awareness of behaviorial health issues and help create healthier and safer communities.

The proclamation states that across "the Pacific, U.S., and throughout CNMI, we need to recognize the seriousness of behavioral health issues in our communities, the power of prevention, and the tireless efforts of those working to make a difference."

The proclamation states that substance abuse and mental health problems affect all communities nationwide and the CNMI community "is not immune to these problems."

According to the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, about 20.7 million adults with substance use disorder and 43.7 million adults with mental illness received services that year.

The proclamation also states that the CNMI Public School System's 2013 Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System has found out that 19.8 percent of high school students smoked one or more cigarettes in the past 30 days, 33.6 percent had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days, 33.2 percent used marijuana one or more times in the past 30 days, and 15.9 percent considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months.

"With support and commitment, these can be prevented and I call the community to support this public awareness and prevent substance abuse," Inos said.

In a bid to enhance substance abuse and mental health systems, the CNMI has worked collaboratively with Pacific, national, and local partners toward data-driven outcomes, enhanced infrastructure, and sustained prevention, treatment, and wellness services, guided by the cultural humility of the people of the CNMI.

Business

Parade of GM recalls rolls on; 2.4M more vehicles

DETROIT (AP)—Another day, another recall from General Motors.

At least that's the way it seems as the automaker reviews safety issues across its line-up of cars and trucks in the wake of a mishandled recall of millions of older small cars.

The number of recalls issued this year by the nation's top carmaker rose Tuesday to 29 as GM announced four separate actions affecting 2.4 million cars and trucks. While no fatalities were involved in the latest recalls, the problems were serious enough that GM has temporarily halted sales of the vehicles.

GM has recalled 13.6 million vehicles in the U.S. since early February. That's more than the total number of cars it sold here in the last five years, and already surpasses GM's previous U.S. recall record of 10.75 million vehicles, set in 2004. By comparison, rival Ford has recalled 1.2 million vehicles in the U.S. this year, while Toyota has recalled 2.9 million, according to federal data and the companies.

The parade of bad news is part of the fallout from GM's recall of 2.6 million Chevrolet Cobalts and other small cars for defective ignition switches—and a consequence of government regulation. GM says it's redoubling efforts to resolve outstanding safety issues. It's hiring 35 new safety investigators and is issuing recalls one by one, as soon as a decision is made. GM can't wait and announce a group of recalls once a month; it's required by federal law to report defects to the government within five days of discovering them.

AP

This April 3, 2012 file photo shows the 2013 Buick Enclave as it is unveiled at a news conference ahead of the New York International Car Show, in New York.

A failure to follow that law landed GM in hot water with the government. The company agreed last week to pay a $35 million federal fine for concealing a deadly defect in the ignition switches for more than a decade. GM says at least 13 people have died in crashes linked to the problem, although trial lawyers suing the company say the death toll is at least 53. Congress and the Justice Department have ongoing investigations.

More recalls are likely. GM spokesman Alan Adler said the company is making progress on reviewing older investigations, "but work is continuing."

US hacking victims fell prey to mundane ruses

WASHINGTON (AP)—The victims were their own worst enemies.

The hacking techniques the U.S. government says China used against American companies turned out to be disappointingly mundane, tricking employees into opening email attachments or clicking on innocent-looking website links.

The scariest part might be how successfully the ruses worked. With a mouse click or two, employees at big-name American makers of nuclear and solar technology gave away the keys to their computer networks.

In a 31-count indictment announced on Monday the Justice Department said five Chinese military officials operating under hacker aliases such as "Ugly Gorilla," "KandyGoo" and "Jack Sun" stole confidential business information, sensitive trade secrets and internal communications for competitive advantage. The U.S. identified the alleged victims as Alcoa World Alumina, Westinghouse, Allegheny Technologies, U.S. Steel, United Steelworkers Union and SolarWorld.

China denied it all on Tuesday.

"The Chinese government and Chinese military as well as relevant personnel have never engaged and never participated in so-called cybertheft of trade secrets," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei said in Beijing. "What the United States should do now is withdraw its indictment."

That's unlikely. What the Justice Department is doing is spelling out exactly how it says China pulled it off.

The U.S. says the break-ins were more Austin Powers than James Bond. In some cases, the government says, the hackers used "spear-phishing"—a well-known scam to trick specific companies or employees into infecting their own computers.

Antitrust experts: 2 big deals better than 1

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Antitrust experts say AT&T's bid for DirecTV could reap immediate regulatory rewards. Coming so quickly on the heels of a rival cable company merger—the pairing of Comcast and Time Warner Cable—makes it easier for regulators to approve both transactions because they create two counterbalanced giants in pay TV.

Experts say the potential benefits of bigger scale, cost savings and promised reinvestment in networks to create speedier connections could be seen to outweigh the damage done to consumers by a reduction in the number of competitors.

"The antitrust regulators might be thinking about Comcast-Time Warner Cable becoming a Goliath with lots of small Davids," said Amanda Wait, a former antitrust attorney with the Federal Trade Commission and partner at Hunton & WiIliams LLP in New York.

"What the AT&T deal does—if it gets approved—is it creates another strong competitor that looks more like a Goliath than a David. It levels the playing field a little bit," she said.

Even so, each deal brings a unique set of potential harms. For a quarter of the nation's households, AT&T Inc.'s combination with DirecTV will reduce the number of pay TV competitors from four to three, which raises the possibility that consumers will face higher prices in those markets.

Meanwhile, Comcast Corp. and Time Warner Cable Inc. will serve 30 million Internet subscribers, a figure that is growing. That's roughly double the size of its nearest competitor—AT&T with 16.5 million—and could give it an unprecedented ability to charge content providers for priority access to its subscribers under new Internet rules being considered by regulators.

Both entities' TV services would be roughly the same size—AT&T-DirecTV will have 26 million pay TV subscribers, Comcast-Time Warner Cable, about 30 million.

Nation

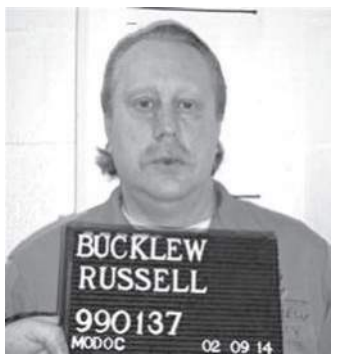
Supreme Court justice suspends Missouri execution

BONNE TERRE, Mo. (AP)—U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito issued an order late Tuesday suspending the planned execution of a Missouri inmate with a little more than an hour to spare before the inmate's scheduled lethal injection.

Alito, who handles emergency matters for Missouri and other states covered by the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, didn't explain why he issued the order suspending Russell Bucklew's execution, which had been scheduled for 12:01 a.m. Wednesday. But Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster issued a statement saying his office understands the full Supreme Court would consider Bucklew's requests on Wednesday.

Under Missouri law, the state has 24 hours to carry out a death warrant, meaning it could still execute Bucklew anytime on Wednesday if the high court rejects his appeals.

Alito's order came shortly after the full 8th Circuit court lifted a stay granted to Bucklew hours earlier by a three-judge panel of that court.



Bucklew

Bucklew, who was sentenced to death for killing a southeast Missouri man in 1996, suffers from a rare medical condition that his attorneys claim could cause him great pain during the execution process.

The 8th Circuit panel's 2-1 ruling read that Bucklew's "unrebutted medical evidence demonstrates the requisite sufficient likelihood of unnecessary pain and suffering beyond the constitutionally permissible amount inherent in all executions."

If the execution happens Wednesday, it would be the first in the nation since a botched lethal injection in Oklahoma last month that left a condemned man writhing on a gurney before he died of a heart attack more than 40 minutes after the procedure began.

Bucklew, 46, has a congenital condition known as cavernous hemangioma that causes weakened and malformed blood vessels, as well as tumors in his nose and throat. His attorneys say he could experience great suffering during the execution process, and Bucklew told The Associated Press by phone last week that he is scared of what might happen.

"The state does not have the right to inflict extreme, torturous pain during an execution," attorney Cheryl Pilate said. "We still hope that Mr. Bucklew's grave medical condition and compromised airway will persuade the governor or a court to step back from this extremely risky execution."

Bucklew's hopes rest with the courts, as Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon, a Democrat and a proponent of the death penalty, rejected Bucklew's clemency request late Tuesday.

Pennsylvania's gay marriage ban is struck down

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Pennsylvania's ban on gay marriage was overturned by a federal judge Tuesday in a decision that legalized the practice throughout the Northeast and sent couples racing to pick up licenses.

U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III called the plaintiffs—a widow, 11 couples and one couple's teenage daughters—courageous for challenging the constitutionality of the ban passed by lawmakers in 1996.

"We are a better people than what these laws represent, and it is time to discard them into the ash heap of history," the judge wrote.

The judge declined to put his ruling on hold for a possible appeal by Republican Gov. Tom Corbett, so it went into immediate effect. The governor, who opposes gay marriage, did not issue a statement or indicate whether he would appeal. However, his state party chairman complained that an "activist" judge had usurped the power of the Legislature.

Amid a frenzy of celebration across the state, county offices in Philadelphia stayed open late to handle marriage applications, while officials in Pittsburgh were closed for election day but accepting them online. Couples must wait three days before getting married, unless a sympathetic judge grants a waiver.

Joe Parisi told his partner to "jet out of work" and get to Philadelphia City Hall.

"We didn't want to take the chance of having this be challenged and missing out on our opportunity," said Parisi, a Philadelphia resident who plans to marry Steven Seminelli.

They were among the first to get a license Tuesday afternoon, just hours after the judge's ruling.

The judge also ordered Pennsylvania to recognize same-sex marriages performed elsewhere.

Vic Walczak, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, which pursued the case, said of the ruling: "It's everything we had hoped for."

ACROSS THE NATION

Police: Actor told 911 he shot wife in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Actor Michael Jace, who played a police officer on the hit TV show "The Shield," was arrested Tuesday after authorities said he called 911 and told an operator he shot his wife. Detectives were investigating whether the couple's financial problems or other marital difficulties played a role in the killing that police said occurred during an argument Monday night while the couple's two sons, both under 10, were in the house. Police were unsure if the children witnessed the argument or gunfire. They were placed with relatives. April Jace, 40, was shot multiple times and was found dead in a hallway of the family home in the quiet, modest Hyde Park neighborhood of Los Angeles. Police recovered a handgun believed to belong to her husband, Los Angeles police Detective Dean Vinluan said.

US subpoenas Oregon insurance website documents

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Federal prosecutors have subpoenaed state records for a grand jury investigation of the troubled Cover Oregon health insurance website, the governor's office said Tuesday. Oregon abandoned its plans for an independent online exchange after it failed to launch and the state said fixing it would be too time-consuming and expensive. Instead, Oregon last month decided to switch to the federal portal, making it the first state to do so. The state paid its independent contractor, Oracle Corp., $134 million in federal funds to build what turned out to be a glitch-filled site. Instead of signing up for health insurance in one sitting, Oregonians had to use a hybrid paper-online process that was costly and slow, and the state had to hire more than 400 workers to help them.

Asia

Few barriers to China's push in South China Sea

BEIJING (AP)—China's planting of an oil platform in contested waters off Vietnam drew strident complaints from Hanoi, a messy standoff between ships and violent protests among Vietnamese—but nothing to dislodge the rig and no broader pushback in the region.

Southeast Asian countries, with diverging interests and wariness of angering Beijing, are shunning any collective action that might halt China as it relentlessly nudges forward its sovereignty claims in disputed seas seen as a possible flashpoint for the world's next major conflict.

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SHANGHAI (AP)—China's president called Tuesday for the creation of a new Asian structure for security cooperation based on a regional group that includes Russia and Iran and excludes the United States.

President Xi Jinping spoke at a meeting in Shanghai of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building measures in Asia, an obscure group that has taken on significance as Beijing tries to extend its influence and limit the role of the United States, which it sees as a strategic rival.

"We need to innovate our security cooperation (and) establish new regional security cooperation architecture," said Xi, speaking to an audience that included President Vladimir Putin of Russia and leaders of Central Asian countries. He said Asia needs a "new regional security architecture."

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Despite its accusations of Chinese bullying, Vietnam can expect little in the way of outside help as its patrol boats continue to spar with Chinese vessels guarding the rig in the South China Sea.

AP

In this May 8, 2014 photo, Yi Xianliang, deputy director-general of Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Department of Boundary and Ocean Affairs, attends a press conference in front of a map showing a disputed zone in South China Sea, in Beijing, China.

"The divisions already existed (among Southeast Asian countries), but China is very adept at exploiting them," said Ian Storey, an expert on regional politics at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore.

"At the end of the day, Vietnam is on its own," Storey said.

The lack of unity encourages China as it looks to cement its claim to virtually the entire South China Sea, its island groups and its maritime wealth—including potentially significant deposits of petroleum needed to keep the Chinese economy booming.

China calibrates the pitch of its assertiveness depending on surrounding events and the amount of push-back it receives. So far, its actions have mainly targeted the Philippines and Vietnam, while other countries that also claim parts of the South China Sea such as Malaysia and Brunei are left alone. To avoid escalating matters too quickly, China generally relies on its coast guard rather than the navy when confronting ships of other nations.

It isn't clear why China chose May 1 to move the rig from the state-run China National Offshore Oil Corporation into position about 32 kilometers (20 miles) from the China-controlled Paracel Islands and 278 kilometers (173 miles) from the coast of Vietnam.

While China says that's simply part of its ongoing search for resources, some have speculated it was a deliberate test of Vietnamese resolve and a warning to Hanoi against closer security ties with the Beijing's main rival, the U.S.

"It seems to be a put-up-or-shut-up move," said Carl Thayer, a Vietnam and regional security expert at Australia's University of New South Wales.

China's action was met with immediate, though apparently fruitless, opposition by Vietnam, which also claims the Paracels and says the rig is inside its exclusive economic zone.

Day 2 of martial law in Thailand stirs confusion

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand began its second day under martial law Wednesday with little visible military presence on the streets of Bangkok as residents tried to make sense of the dramatic turn of events after six months of anti-government protests and political turmoil.

Several meetings were planned behind closed doors among senior government officials, opposition party leaders, the Election Commission and others a day after the country's powerful army chief invoked the military's expanded powers and issued more than a dozen edicts that included broad powers of censorship over the media, the Internet and vaguely defined threats to prosecute opponents.

But around Bangkok, there was little sign of any change, and most soldiers that had occupied key intersections around the capital had withdrawn. People went about their work normally, students went to school, and the traffic was snarled as it would be any other weekday in this bustling city.

"After 24 hours of martial law, I have not spotted a single soldier," said Buntham Lertpatraporn, a 50-year-old vendor of Thai-style doughnuts in the capital's central business district along Silom Road. "I've only seen soldiers on TV."

"My life has not changed at all," he said. "But in my mind I feel a little frightened, because I don't know how it will end."

The army chief Gen. Prayuth Chan-Ocha provided little clarity or a path forward during a press conference Tuesday amid speculation both at home and abroad that the declaration of martial law was a prelude to a military coup.

Prayuth, who is known to be gruff with the media, deflected questions about the likelihood of a coup with flippant answers that added to the confusion. Asked if a coup was taking shape, he replied: "That's a question that no one is going to answer."

Asked if the army was keeping in contact with the government, he answered: "Where is the government right now? Where are they now? I don't know."

Among the dozen or measures announced Tuesday, the military said it was banning demonstrators from marching outside their protest sites and banning any broadcast or publication that could "incite unrest." Fourteen politically affiliated satellite and cable TV stations were also asked to stop broadcasting.

World

2 bomb blasts in Nigeria kill at least 118

JOS, Nigeria (AP)—Two car bombs exploded at a bustling bus terminal and market in Nigeria's central city of Jos on Tuesday, killing at least 118 people, wounding dozens and leaving bloodied bodies amid the flaming debris.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the twin car bombs. But they bore the hallmarks of Boko Haram, the Islamic extremist group that abducted nearly 300 schoolgirls last month and has repeatedly targeted bus stations and other locations where large numbers of people gather in its campaign to impose Islamic law on Nigeria.

The second blast came half an hour after the first, killing some of the rescue workers who had rushed to the scene, which was obscured by billows of black smoke.

"It's horrifying, terrible," said Mark Lipdo of the Stefanos Foundation, a Christian charity based in Jos, who described the sickening smell of burning human flesh.

A woman's body, her legs blown off, lay on the edge of an inferno consuming other bodies. In the middle if the flames, an arm reached up. Another woman, unconscious and wrapped in a brightly colored cloth, was being carried away in a wheelbarrow on a road strewn with glass shards.

Dozens of bodies and body parts were covered in grain that had been loaded in the second car bomb, witnesses said. A Terminus Market official said he helped remove 50 casualties, most of them dead. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not allowed to give information to reporters.

At least 118 people were killed and dozens wounded in the bombings, which ignited fires that were still burning eight hours later, according to Nigeria's National Emergency Management Agency.

"Firemen are still trying to put them out. We believe we will find more bodies," Mohammed Abdulsalam, zonal coordinator for the agency, told The Associated Press. He said the fires were being fueled by flammable goods at the market, including rubber sandals.

Tensions have been rising between Christians and Muslims in Jos, the capital of Plateau state in Nigeria's Middle Belt region that divides the country into the predominantly Muslim north and Christian south. It is a flashpoint for religious violence, and there were fears the attacks could ignite a new round of sectarian violence.

President Goodluck Jonathan indicated he blamed Boko Haram for Tuesday's bombings, extending sympathies to affected families in a statement and assuring "all Nigerians that the government remains fully committed to winning the war against terror."

"This administration will not be cowed by the atrocities of enemies of human progress and civilization," the statement said.

Pro-Russian rebels in Ukraine face citizen anger

SLOVYANSK, Ukraine (AP)—From the country's richest man to citizens under fire, anger and dismay over Ukraine's eastern turmoil gained strength Tuesday, but pro-Russian rebels who have declared the region independent vowed defiance.

In Kiev, home to the central government that the separatists detest, lawmakers passed a memorandum that guaranteed the status of Russian as Ukraine's second official language and proposed government decentralization. While the document offered no specifics or timeframe, Russia - which long had pressed for both commitments - offered words of guarded welcome.

"If what you are saying is true, this is the development we have been speaking about for the past months," Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin was quoted as telling state news agency RIA Novosti.

In Mariupol, an eastern Ukrainian city that suffered fatal clashes this month between protesters and police, workers at a steel mill stopped their labor at noon as a siren blew. They gathered for a speech from the company's chief condemning the separatist movement known as the Donetsk People's Republic.

"We are here because Mariupol needs a peaceful sky above us. Tanks and guns have no place in our city," said mill worker Sergey Kulitsh.

The plant is part of the industrial empire of Rinat Akhmetov, regarded as Ukraine's richest man, who had called for his workers to attend noontime protests.

The tycoon vowed to challenge the insurgents who declared independence last week in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, home to 6.5 million people.

"No one will frighten us, including those calling themselves a Donetsk People's Republic," Akhmetov said in a statement.

Last week, his company organized steelworkers to patrol alongside police in Mariupol. The move forced insurgents to vacate government buildings they had seized in the Black Sea port.

Libya: Election set for June in bid to ease crisis

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libya's election commission set new parliamentary elections for next month, trying on Tuesday to find a peaceful resolution to a crisis triggered by a renegade general's efforts to crush Islamist militias and his demand that the Islamist-led legislature disband for allegedly supporting extremism.

The announcement of a nationwide June 25 vote came after the parliament met in what lawmakers had hoped would be a secret location. A missile was fired at the hotel where the session was taking place, causing panic but no injuries.

The general, Khalifa Hifter, has launched an armed campaign he says is aimed at imposing stability after three years of chaos since the ouster and death of dictator Moammar Gadhafi in 2011. He says he wants to break the power of Islamists, whom he accuses opening the door to Islamic radicals.

Hifter denies seeking power but indicated Tuesday that he would be interested in running for president—an office which has remained vacant since the revolution, pending the drafting of a new constitution.

Leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood group, one of the biggest factions in parliament, denounced Hifter as "a counter-revolutionary allying with remnants of Gadhafi's forces." Mohammed Gair, a leading group member, called for dialogue to avert a struggle in which "no one is a winner and the only loser is the Libyan people."

The standoff has developed into a potential battle for power as many of Libya's militias line up behind either of the two camps. Hifter's allied militias are positioned along the road to Tripoli's airport, south of the capital, while Islamist-led militias from Libya's third-largest city, Misrata, have mobilized and are positioned to move into the capital.

Libya has not had an effective government since the fall of Gadhafi in a destructive civil war. The rebel brigades that rose up to fight Gadhafi transformed into armed militias after his regime's collapse and have mushroomed in size, power and armaments.

Environment

Landmark conservation initiatives aim to restore wetlands and farms

ORRTANNA, Pa.—Applications are now being accepted for new, landmark conservation initiatives created by the 2014 Farm Bill. The programs will provide up to $386 million to help farmers restore wetlands, protect working agriculture lands, support outdoor recreation activities and boost the economy.

"By protecting working lands and wetlands, we're able to strengthen agricultural operations, sustain the nation's food supply and protect habitat for a variety of wildlife," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said. "In addition, we're providing states and tribal governments a tool to expand access to private lands for hunting, fishing, hiking and other recreational activities, which helps boost wildlife-related businesses and grow the economy."

The new programs are the Agricultural Conservation Easements Program and the Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program. Applications for ACEP funding consideration in fiscal year 2014 must be submitted by the individual state deadline or June 6, 2014, whichever is earlier. Applications and state deadline information can be obtained at your local USDA Service Center or at www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted. Applications for VPA-HIP are due by June 16 and should be completed at Grants.gov. For more information, view the notice on Grants.gov or the program's website.

Through the 2014 Farm Bill's new conservation programs, USDA is making available up to $366 million for conservation easements under ACEP to state and local governments, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, and private landowners. ACEP consolidates three former easement programs—the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program, the Grassland Reserve Program and the Wetlands Reserve Program—into one to make conservation efforts more efficient while strengthening tools to protect land and water.

VPA-HIP is a competitive grant program that enables state and tribal governments to increase opportunities for owners and managers of private lands who want to make their land available for public recreation. Up to $20 million is available this year for VPA-HIP. Both programs have application deadlines later this spring.

Funding for the ACEP and VPA-HIP programs is provided through the 2014 Farm Bill. Learn more about the Farm Bill at www.nrcs.usda.gov/FarmBill. ***(USDA)***

New safety measures eyed to protect farm workers from pesticide exposure

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is proposing changes to the agricultural Worker Protection Standard to improve worker training on the safe use of pesticides, including how to prevent and effectively treat pesticide exposure.

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is extending the comment period for the proposed revisions to the agricultural Worker Protection Standard for an additional 60 days, until Aug. 18, 2014, in response to requests from growers, industry, farm worker advocates and states for additional time to provide input.

"The opportunity to revise the rule may not come again for some time, so we are committed to getting it right," said Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. "Updating the 20-year old regulation to provide more protections to the nation's two million farm workers and their families from pesticide exposure is a priority for EPA."

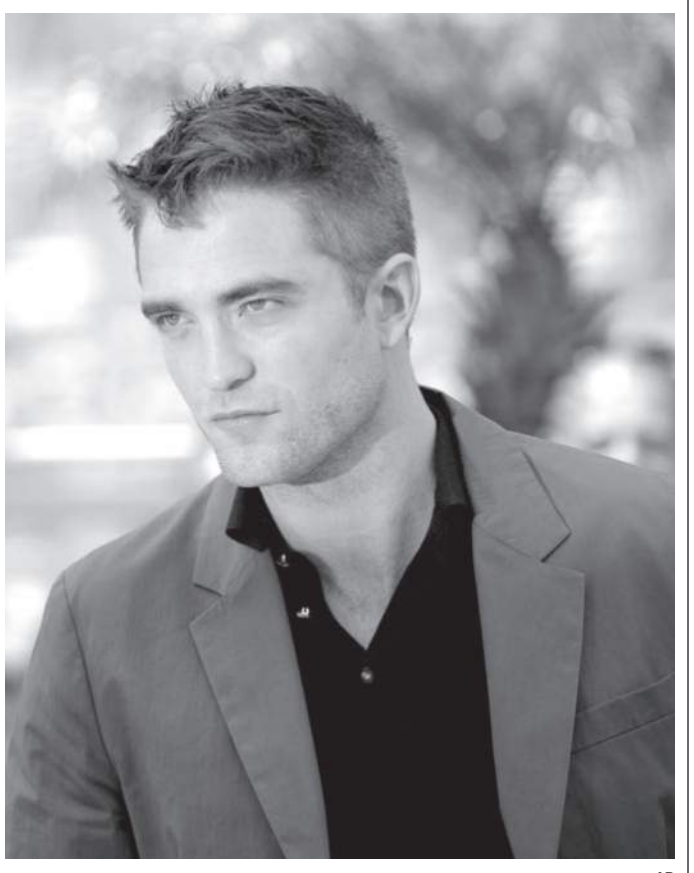
The proposed changes provide significant improvements to worker training regarding the safe use of pesticides, including how to prevent and effectively treat pesticide exposure. Increased training from every five years to every year and signage would help farmworkers protect themselves and their families from pesticide exposure. Workers and others near treated fields would be better protected from pesticide overspray and fumes. In addition, the EPA has proposed that children under 16 be legally barred from handling all pesticides. These revisions protect workers while ensuring agricultural productivity and preserving the traditions of and exemptions for family members working on family farms.

To learn more and provide comments in English and Spanish:

http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/workers/proposed/index.html. ***(USEPA)***

Life & Style

For Robert Pattinson, Cannes Festival is a coming-out party



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Actor Robert Pattinson during a photo call for The Rover at the 67th international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Sunday, May 18, 2014.

CANNES, France (AP)—For the past year, Robert Pattinson has been trying to disappear. He says he's been actively avoiding having his photo taken, trying to erase a tabloid persona.

"I'm just trying to not be in stupid gossip magazines, basically, and I think the best way to do it is never be photographed ever," says Pattinson. "As I get older, I just get more and more and more self-conscious about getting photographed. I don't know why. I've done it too many times and now I feel like everyone can see through me."

Not being photographed isn't an option for Pattinson at the Cannes Film Festival: The annual Cote d'Azur extravaganza is famous for its walls of photographers and its rabid hunger for celebrity.

But Pattinson has unveiled a new, more mature image of himself at this year's Cannes. He stars in two of the festival's top films: David Michod's lean, dystopian thriller "The Rover" and, in competition, David Cronenberg's dark Hollywood satire "Maps to the Stars." In the latter, he plays a Los Angeles limo driver trying to break into the movie business.

In "The Rover," which opens in the United States on June 13, he gives arguably his best performance yet, playing a bloodied half-wit who travels across a near-future Australian Outback with a terse man bent on revenge (Guy Pearce). With a halting Southern accent, he's a mangy, wounded puppy dog of a man, loyal to his companion.

More than any film before, "The Rover" announces the 28-year-old former "Twilight" star as a talented actor of range, capable of disappearing into a complicated role.

"It's literally exactly what I wanted," Pattinson said of his Cannes, smiling atop the Palais des Festivals.

His performances have been eye-opening for many, including Pattinson's co-stars. "I wasn't aware of what he was capable of," says Pearce. "On the second day, I said to David, `He's really (expletive) good, isn't he?'"

The new chapter for Pattinson really began with his first collaboration with Cronenberg in the 2012 stylish Don DeLillo adaptation "Cosmopolis." Since then, he says, he's been choosing parts solely by director.

"I sort of had a bit of a list," says Pattinson. "The things I'm going to do next I've said yes to them before I've even seen a script."

Along with Michod ("Animal Kingdom") and Cronenberg, Pattinson has shot movies with Werner Herzog and Anton Corbijn. He's lined up films with Harmony Korine ("Spring Breakers") and Olivier Assayas ("Carlos"). All are widely acclaimed filmmakers who mostly operate far from the mainstream.

"It takes so much of the responsibility off you," says Pattinson. "I don't like the idea of trying to make movies as, like, a vehicle. Also, I don't really know who my audience is. I don't know if I have an audience. Outside of `Twilight,' I don't know."

"Playing the lead in `Cosmopolis' was not at the time what he wanted to do," says Cronenberg. "I had to talk him into it. He was really looking forward to playing a smaller role in an ensemble piece. In a way, ('Maps') is kind of a perfect continuation of our relationship, which I really value."

Pattinson auditioned for Michod for "The Rover," though the screenplay's scant backstory made it difficult. Exposition is largely resisted on the characters and the nature of the "collapse" that destroyed Australian currency. Pattinson went in in character.

"But then I had to sort of ask a couple questions half in character at the beginning, like: `Is he mentally handicapped? Before I completely make a fool out of myself?'" he recalled laughing.

"The second he started doing the character, I was getting excited," says Michod. "I was getting excited about the performance he would give, excited about the character as invented by him and excited by the prospect of taking a possibly very underestimated franchise star and letting him demonstrated what he's actually capable of."

Pattinson says relished playing a more physical part.

"I had done so many parts where I was super still—like the whole of `Twilight,'" he says. "It's so restrictive. You do something where you have blood all over your face, you can't be expected to fit into any kind of mold."

Drafted into a global franchise at a young age, Pattinson has previously said he wasn't even sure if acting was meant for him.

For one of the more famous people on the planet, he doesn't exude confidence or self-seriousness, but rather has a squinty, bemused manner and is quick to laugh at himself. Now, he acknowledges his confidence is growing.

"I'm very, very good at lower expectations," says Pattinson. "Lower expectations and over-deliver."

Jolie talks Maleficent, mastectomy, kidnap victims

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Angelina Jolie may be Hollywood royalty. But she's no princess, and has never been a fan of the Disney variety.

"I found them quite dull," the actress says.

Evil Maleficent, whom Jolie portrays in Disney's new live-action spin on its animated classic "Sleeping Beauty," conversely "seemed to be having a great time," Jolie said.

"(Maleficent) is kind of an anti-hero for the odd man out," Jolie continued. "And, when she feels abused, or when somebody hurts her, she then says, 'Oh, all right. You're going to mess with me? Watch me.'"

In a recent interview to promote "Maleficent," which opens May 30, the conversation veered to the celebrities at the Cannes film festival campaigning for the return of the Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped by Islamic extremist group Boko Haram.

"We need to go after (Boko Haram), arrest them, and they need to face justice," said Jolie, who is known for her worldwide humanitarian efforts. She added, however, that the media shouldn't be myopic, but instead continue to report on the array of world horrors, including the continuing plight of millions of refugees suffering in Syria.

Last week marked the one-year anniversary of Jolie's disclosure that she was having a double mastectomy because she carries a genetic mutation that greatly increases her risk of potentially fatal breast cancer. "(I'm) very happy that other women now know that they have that choice," she commented.

AP

Actress Angelina Jolie poses for photographers as she arrives for the Maleficent exhibit in Kensington Gardens, London, Thursday, May 8, 2014.

Jolie's next film is her big-budget directorial debut, "Unbroken." She previously directed the modest 2011 Bosnian war drama "In the Land of Blood and Honey" and the 2007 documentary "A Place in Time," which chronicled 49 simultaneous moments around the world.

Arriving this Christmas, "Unbroken" chronicles the life of Louis Zamperini, an Olympic runner who was taken prisoner by Japanese forces during World War II.

"It looks beautiful," Jolie said. "It's such a ... it's big," she added, with an exasperated laugh. "So, we're just trying to kind of wrestle it in to the best version of itself."

Adrien Brody to play Charles V

CANNES, France (AP)—Filming hasn't started yet, but Adrien Brody is already starting to think about how he'll research his latest role as a 16th century emperor.

The Oscar-winner has signed on to play the Charles V in "Emperor," a Lee Tamahori film that explores the reign of the Roman Empire ruler. Brody appeared with Tamahori to talk up the film in Cannes.

"Now is the time to amass all the information and sit with it and let it become a part of me, and so we will do that and see what we come up with," he said in an interview Monday.

The film won't be a studious version of Charles V's time in power. Promotional materials promise a film that explores "wealth, debauchery, violent relations, sex, manipulation and treason" and Brody said it's not aiming to be a historical document.

"We're consolidating 35 years... . There will be a great deal of imagination in play here and that's what's exciting," he said.

While Brody was promoting "Emperor," he also has other projects in play: He said "American Heist" is being shown to buyers in the Cannes film market, he is starting a production company and has a movie, "Third Person," out in June.

Judge expresses ongoing concerns about Casey Kasem

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge on Tuesday expanded the powers of Casey Kasem's daughter to determine whether her father is receiving adequate medical care amid his ongoing concerns about the health and welfare of the ailing radio personality.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Daniel S. Murphy ordered Kasem's wife, Jean, to comply with court orders allowing doctors to evaluate her husband, and also allow his daughter Kerri to see him. He also ordered Jean Kasem to surrender her husband's passport and temporarily suspended her powers to determine her husband's medical care.

Murphy's orders came after the second hearing in a week in which lawyers for Jean Kasem have said they could not disclose where Casey Kasem is located. Authorities found him in Kitsap County in Washington last week after Murphy ordered adult protective services to locate him, but the judge said the lack of additional information and cooperation troubles him.

The judge has appointed an attorney and doctor to evaluate Casey Kasem, but neither has been able to contact him or his wife. The former radio show host is suffering from a form of dementia called Lewy Body Disease, according to court records.

Kasem

Murphy ordered last week that Kasem, 82, could not be moved without another court order, and he stressed on Tuesday that Kasem should be medically evaluated as soon as possible.

Jean Kasem was represented at Tuesday's court hearing by two attorneys from different firms, which added to Murphy's exasperation about the lack of information about her husband, his whereabouts and what actions she had taken.

"I'm not sure she's even complying with my order," Murphy said.

The judge said Kerri Kasem could hire an unarmed private investigator to help find her father if necessary.

Samuel Ingham, an attorney appointed to represent Casey Kasem, said he was troubled by information he had received that his client had been removed from a medical care facility in the middle of the night and the lack of cooperation he had received from Jean Kasem.

Jean Kasem's attorney Craig Marcus pointed to statements by a sheriff's spokesman in Kitsap County in Washington that Kasem appeared to be receiving good medical care when he was located last week.

Ingham said Kasem's family couldn't know for sure until after a doctor evaluated him.

Kasem gained fame with his radio music countdown shows, "American Top 40" and "Casey's Top 40," and he was the voice of Shaggy in the cartoon "Scooby Doo."

Annette Bening to star in Central Park 'King Lear'

Bening

NEW YORK (AP)—Annette Bening, Jessica Collins and Jessica Hecht will play sisters opposite John Lithgow as their addled father this summer in "King Lear" in Central Park.

The Public Theater said Tuesday that Bening will play Goneril, Collins will play Cordelia and Hecht will play Regan. Performances begin July 22 and run through Aug. 17. Daniel Sullivan will direct.

Benning has received Oscar nominations for her performances in "The Grifters," "American Beauty," "Being Julie" and "The Kids Are All Right." She last appeared on Broadway in 1988 in "Coastal Disturbances."

"King Lear" is the second Shakespeare in the Park show, following "Much Ado About Nothing" starring Hamish Linklater and Lily Rabe from June 3-July 6.

BET to air discussion about Nigerian kidnapping

NEW YORK (AP)—The BET television network is airing a special discussion this week on the sexual exploitation of children, an idea set in motion by the kidnapping of nearly 300 Nigerian schoolgirls by Islamic extremists.

The town hall-style discussion is called "Stolen Innocence: Your Daughters Are Our Daughters." It will air Friday night on BET and will be repeated Saturday on the Centric network. It was taped Saturday in Atlanta.

Participants include activist-actors Nicole Ari Parker and Tasha Smith, along with singer India.Arie (IHN'-dee-uh ah-REE') and minister Dr. Bernice King. BET says the special will discuss the problem of human trafficking throughout the world and its impact on communities. It will also include an update from Nigeria on the latest about the missing girls.

Middle-aged homebody's future is a serious concern for family

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Our niece "Bonnie" has severe attachment problems. She still lives in her parents' home and is well into her 50s. Her father passed away several years ago, and her mother seems to be her only friend.

Bonnie has never had a serious relationship and has spent her life at one job and with her parents. Vacations and holidays have been spent with them only. Bonnie rarely accepts an invitation unless her mom is invited, does not communicate unless we reach out to her first and is very private about the smallest details in her life.

Her mother is aging and we are wondering how Bonnie will manage once her mom is gone. How do we approach someone who seriously needs help and guidance?

CARING AUNT IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR CARING AUNT: I can think of two ways. The first would be to discuss this privately with Bonnie's mother and ask if there is anything she would like you to do for her daughter in the event of a serious illness or her death. It is a legitimate question if Bonnie is unable to live independently, and her mother might appreciate that you cared enough to ask.

The second would be to reach out to Bonnie in the event that something does happen to her mother, and let her know that you love her and will be there for her if she needs you. Keep in mind that you cannot force help on anyone who is unwilling to accept it.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 11 and in the sixth grade. I am very self-conscious. Every girl in my grade has a bigger chest than me, and I am feeling insecure because mine isn't developed.

I know I am young, but I want to fit in. Every day I feel horrible about myself. Can you help

INSECURE 6TH GRADER

DEAR INSECURE: I'll try. No two people are alike, and our bodies do not develop at the same time. For some girls, it happens sooner and they begin to develop breasts as early as age 9. For others, it doesn't happen until they are in their teens.

Your value should not be measured by your chest size. Believe me, the size of your IQ is far more important. The kind of person you are is more important.

Big chests have a way of falling sooner or later. So work on your grades and your personality right now. If you do, in time you'll not only catch up to these girls, you will surpass them in the qualities that matter most. You're fine just the way you are.

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DEAR ABBY: When spending thousands of dollars to attend a destination wedding, are you expected to give a gift to the bride and groom?

JENNIFER IN NEW YORK

DEAR JENNIFER: Yes, but after shelling out "thousands" to attend a wedding, it does not have to be an expensive one. A token gift to mark the occasion would be enough.

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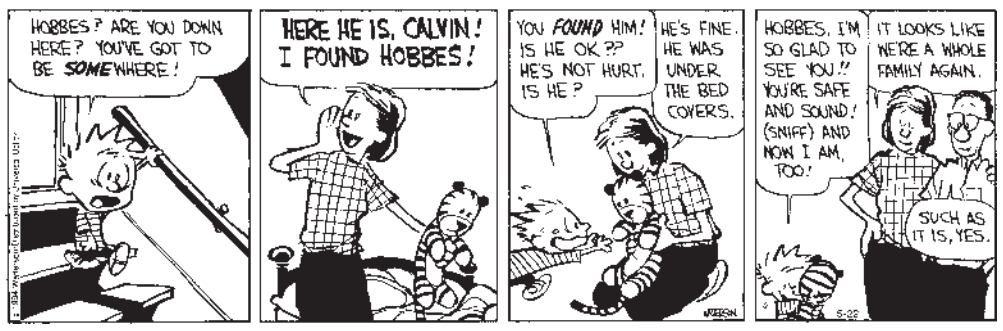
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


HOBBES? ARE YOU DOWN HERE? YOU'VE GOT TO BE SOMEWHERE!
HERE HE IS, CALVIN! I FOUND HOBBES!
YOU FOUND HIM! IS HE OK?? HE'S NOT HURT, IS HE?
HE'S FINE. HE WAS UNDER THE BED COVERS.
HOBBES, I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU!! YOU'RE SAFE AND SOUND! (SNIFF) AND NOW I AM, TOO!
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE A WHOLE FAMILY AGAIN.
SUCH AS IT IS, YES.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

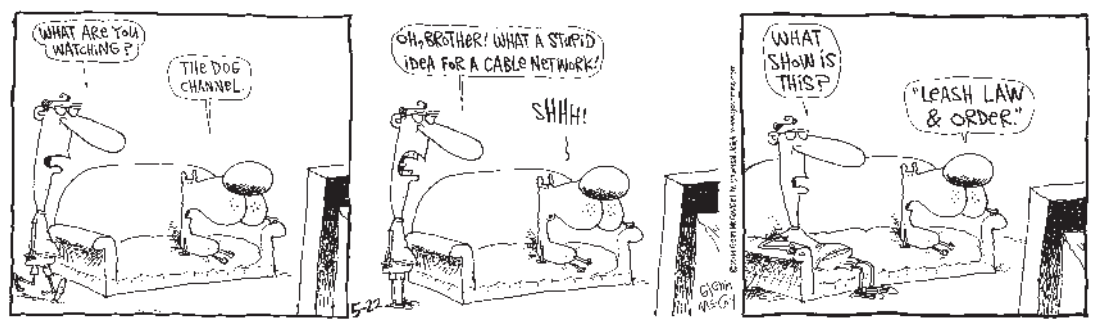
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

ADAM, WHAT DID YOU DO?
WHAT?
THAT PERSON WHO WAS IN THIS-"YOUR"-BOOTH JUST HUFFED OUT OF HERE.
YOU DIDN'T CHASE HIM OFF, DID YOU?
NOW, HOW WOULD I HAVE DONE THAT?
GLARING. FONDLING YOUR KNIFE. SINGING "MY BOOTH" TO THE TUNE OF "MY GIRL."
I DO MY BEST WORK HERE!!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?
THE DOG CHANNEL
OH, BROTHER! WHAT A STUPID IDEA FOR A CABLE NETWORK!
SHHH!
WHAT SHOW IS THIS?
"LEASH LAW & ORDER"

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Spiked club
5 Hindu royal
9 Journey segment
12 Mosque VIP
13 Praiseful poetry
14 Irving Berlin's "What'll —?"
15 Sky
17 Card table call
18 At will
19 Give a speech
21 Scale member
22 Play the guitar idly
24 Entanglement
27 Course number
28 Alpha follower
31 Blunder
32 Eggs in a lab
33 Neither mate
34 Mom's mom
36 Prune
37 Tiny bit
38 Shady shelter
40 Fashionable
41 Cajun recipe
43 Game show loot
47 Exist
48 Eucharist, e.g.
51 Dry red wine, for short
52 Hodgepodge
53 Bohemian
54 Superlative suffix
55 Prescriptions, briefly
56 Misplace

DOWN
1 Anger
2 Eastern potentate (Var.)
3 Give a darn
4 Legendary clown Kelly
5 Michele's movie pal
6 Citric quencher
7 Ms. Aniston, to fans
8 "Maltese Falcon" actress Mary
9 Connecting tissue
10 Rewrite, maybe
11 No longer around
16 Clay, today
20 Abrade
22 Taste
23 Snare
24 Barbie's companion
25 Gun lobby org.
26 Decoration
27 Horseplay?
29 Overly
30 Get ready to rumble
35 Wall St. wheeler-dealer
37 Beast
39 Center of emotions
40 Retirement plan acronym
41 Stare
42 "Exodus" author
43 Experts
44 Nil
45 Tolkien tree-dwellers
46 Eyelid woe
49 Hearty brew
50 Div. of Scotland Yard

Solution time: 25 mins.

W	O	O	D	■	C	O	G	■	A	S	O	K
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A	D	S	■	E	E	L	■	A	L	S	O	P
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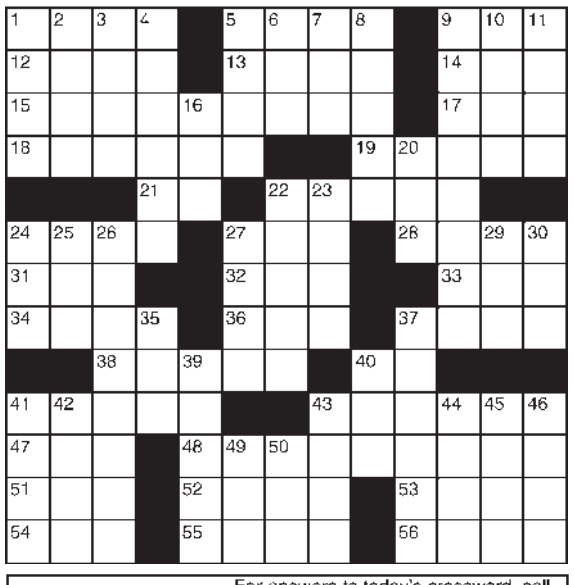
Yesterday's answer 5-22



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Novak Djokovic, 27; Apolo Ohno, 32; Ginnifer Goodwin, 36; Naomi Campbell, 44

Happy Birthday: You'll be able to convince others to do things your way this year, but have a reliable plan in place first. Gather people together who have something to contribute and lay out a game plan that will enhance not just your life but those who pitch in as well. Keeping the peace and building a strong, united force will lead to victory. Your numbers are 3, 9, 18, 22, 27, 30, 46.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't flirt with temptation. Look at what's being offered. Sticking to your budget and keeping things simple will allow you greater freedom in the long run. Don't overreact when it comes to a personal relationship. Choose passion over pessimism. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Stabilize your personal life. Do whatever it takes to bring about more opportunity to spend with the people you care about the most. Take care of your health. Physical fitness and proper diet is encouraged, but don't go overboard. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): The people around you will be misleading. Do your own fact-finding before you agree to take part in a joint venture. Socialize with people who can offer you alternatives, but be sure to make your mind up based on what you can afford. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You'll face difficulties dealing with organizations. You'll be taken advantage of if you aren't adamant about what you want and how you want things done. Refuse to let anyone railroad you into a partnership that isn't to your benefit. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Take care of your responsibilities at home and at work before you move on to more pleasurable pastimes. Short trips, engaging in romantic activities and taking care of personal needs will rejuvenate you, as well as clear your head to make plans for the future. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): What you observe today will help you make a calculated decision that can save you legally, financially or medically. A unique approach to the way you handle a partnership will secure your position and give you a fail-safe way to move forward. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Charm, diplomacy and a friendly demeanor will help you avoid questions you don't want to answer. Don't make assumptions or overreact to what's going on around you. Spend time making positive personal changes that ensure your happiness. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Follow through with your creative ideas. Explore how people from different backgrounds handle similar situations. Choosing to live your life in a unique way that fits your personal routine and lifestyle better should be implemented. A day trip will inspire new ideas. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Make changes at home that will please someone you love. Don't give in to emotional blackmail or anyone using you to get ahead. Size up your situation and be explicit about what you want to see happen. ✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Read the fine print. Ask questions and gather facts. Impulse is the enemy and assessing and reassessing your friend. Don't worry about complainers or those pushing for an answer. Protect your interests regardless of pressure and discord. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't second-guess what needs to be done. Go to the source and plan your day accordingly. Love is on the rise and leaving time for romance will enhance your personal life and alleviate any uncertainty you may have about the way you feel. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Self-deception can lead to a setback. Revisit the facts and go over emotional situations honestly. Once you accept exactly what's happened, you'll be able to move forward and make the choice that will help you reach your goal. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are a sensitive, creative dreamer. You are impulsive and outgoing.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

				3		9		5
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/22

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

9	1	5	2	3	4	6	7	8
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3	8	6	9	7	1	2	4	5
7	9	1	4	6	2	5	8	3
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5	4	8	7	9	3	1	6	2
8	3	7	6	2	9	4	5	1
6	5	4	3	1	8	9	2	7
1	2	9	5	4	7	8	3	6

Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/22

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

TROJAN HORSE VIRUSES **Solution: 4 letters**

E	E	N	B	L	O	C	K	E	D	E	L	E	T	E
R	G	A	E	L	I	N	S	T	A	L	L	E	D	X
A	A	C	C	Z	E	A	S	M	A	R	G	O	R	P
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Yesterday's Answer: Devotion

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Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health and good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must have no criminal history and be able to provide current police and court clearance, must be able to obtain health certificate, to work lawfully in the CNMI, must have reliable transportation to and from the places of work, and must agree to a drug test. Please email complete resume to Seanfrink@gmail.com by May 30, 2014.

JAPAN ENTERPRISES CORP.
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) WAITRESS

QUALIFICATIONS:
- At least 21-25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2-3 years experience as a waitress in a night bar or an entertainment business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary: $5.55/hr
- Preferably can speak Japanese language fluently.

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(5) WAITRESS

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(3) SINGERS

3-5 years experience in a karaoke bar or in an entertainment business.

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(01) FRONT OFFICE MANAGER

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James helps Heat beat Pacers 87-83 in Game 2

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—LeBron James and Dwyane Wade followed the same old script Tuesday night.

When Miami got into trouble, the All-Star duo bailed out the Heat. Again.

James scored the first six points in a decisive 12-2 run, and combined with Wade for Miami's final 20 points in an 87-83 victory over the Indiana Pacers that left the Eastern Conference final tied at a game apiece.

"That's why they're the hundred million dollar guys," teammate Norris Cole said. "They're unstoppable. They make the game easy for everyone else when they're in attack mode."

That's exactly how the money guys played during the final 12 minutes.

Wade, who had 13 points in the Heat's 41-point first half, scored his final 10 in the fourth. James, who finished with 22 points, had 12 in the fourth. Together they helped Miami avoid falling into a 2-0 deficit for the first time since the first round of the 2010 playoffs.

Lance Stephenson tied his playoff career high with 25 points for the Pacers. Paul George scored 14.

Now the series shifts back to Miami for Game 3 on Saturday and Game 4 on Monday.

This one had a different feel compared to a couple of Miami's important games in the 2013 postseason.

A year ago in Game 7 at Miami, the Heat's money players overwhelmed Indiana 99-76. Then, after losing Game 1 in the finals to San Antonio, James, Wade and Chris Bosh helped Miami storm back for a 19-point win.

AP

Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade goes to the basket against Indiana Pacers' Luis Scola during the first half of Game 2 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals in Indianapolis, Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

On Tuesday, the Pacers were in a strong position midway through the fourth before James and Wade helped Miami seize the home-court advantage Indiana so desperately wanted for this series.

Miami has won 11 straight games following a playoff loss.

"It's not going to be pretty. Not in the Eastern Conference," James said. "It's never pretty basketball in the Eastern Conference. It's about who can sustain runs. You know, who can get defensive stops? Who can not turn the ball over and who can get great shots? I think we did that in the fourth."

At times, the rough-and-tumble night took on the aura of a football game, especially late.

When George and Wade collided chasing a loose ball, both came up grimacing. Wade held his left knee. George also grabbed at his knee though he said afterward he had blurred vision and may have blacked out. Coach Frank Vogel would not confirm George's description.

Another time, James crashed hard to the floor when David West was called for a flagrant one foul in the fourth quarter, which was changed to a common foul following a replay review. There were hard picks, tight defense and James and Wade back in their old groove.

The Pacers expected all of it in this title bout. They just couldn't finish it off.

"We were winning the whole night," guard George Hill said. "We controlled the whole game until the last couple minutes."

But two days after allowing the Pacers to score 107 points, Indiana's highest total of the postseason, Miami held Indiana to nine points over a 10-minute stretch in the first half and closed it out with by allowing just 10 points over the final 7:19.

"Today it was just about how bad we wanted it," Wade said. "It wasn't about Xs and Os. It wasn't a perfect game by no stretch of the imagination. We kept digging down deep, and we got back to Miami Heat basketball."

Even the Heat acknowledged they were in trouble Tuesday after Indiana used a 10-2 third-quarter run to retake a 47-45 lead, and then extended the margin to 63-56 with 2:07 left in the third quarter.

James closed out the quarter by finding Bosh and Cole for open 3-pointers to make it 63-62.

George hit a 29-footer to make it 73-69 with 7:19 left. But James and Wade stepped up again.

James hit a 3 to make it a one-point game, and after Roy Hibbert made a 6-foot hook shot, James scored six straight to start the decisive 12-2 run that sealed the win.

"We have no idea we're doing that until after the game," James said. "We're just going to make the right play for our team. Tonight was one of those nights."

Cavs continue lottery luck, get No. 1 pick again

NEW YORK (AP)—The Cleveland Cavaliers' lottery luck just keeps going.

The Cavaliers continued their remarkable run Tuesday, winning the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft for the second straight year and third time in the last four. They moved up from the ninth spot, when they had just a 1.7 percent chance of winning the top selection.

"It seems surreal," Cavs vice chairman Jeff Cohen said. "This is three out of four years and we had a 1.7 percent chance of coming up with the first pick and we pulled it off again."

They drafted Kyrie Irving first in 2011 and will hope to do better with this win than last year, when they took Anthony Bennett, who had a forgettable rookie season.

Nick Gilbert, the son of Cleveland owner Dan Gilbert, was on the podium for the previous two wins, but general manager David Griffin was there this time.

Griffin had a pin on his lapel from his late grandmother and was carrying one of Nick Gilbert's bowties, which was as lucky in his breast pocket as it was with Nick wearing it.

The Cavs can now choose among the likes of Andrew Wiggins and Joel Embiid of Kansas, Duke's Jabari Parker, or another player from what's considered a deep draft.

"This means everything," Cohen said. "This is the deepest draft arguably since LeBron (James) and Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh and Carmelo Anthony came out."

The Cavs won that one, too, in 2003, when they picked James. But they have been lottery regulars since he bolted for Miami in 2010, and they want that to stop.

"Rebuilding is a process and we lost a player a number of years back that it was going (to take) some time. Quite frankly it's taken a little bit longer then we'd like, but we've been patient," Cohen said.

"I think now is the time we're going to reap the rewards of our patience."

The Milwaukee Bucks fell one spot to second and the Philadelphia 76ers will draft third. The Bucks had a 25 percent chance of winning after a league-worst 15-67 record, but the team with the best odds hasn't won since 2004.

The expected strength of the class led to speculation that teams were tanking in hopes of getting a high pick. But the Cavs had playoff expectations, hoping a strong season could make them attractive to James if he was interested in returning home as a free agent.

Nick Gilbert said last year he expected the Cavs to be done with the lottery, but they were right back in Times Square after a disappointing season that resulted in them firing Mike Brown after just one year and a 33-49 record in his second stint with the team. Another top selection surely will make Cleveland more attractive to prospective coaches.

The city of Cleveland may be on a 50-year championship drought, but sure does have this lottery thing figured out.

The 2011 win was also a stunner, when the Cavs moved up from the No. 8 spot with a pick they had acquired from the Los Angeles Clippers.

And by moving up this year, they hurt the Detroit Pistons, who started eighth but by falling back, had to trade the pick to Charlotte as part of a deal for Ben Gordon.

Orlando dropped a spot to fourth and also will have the No. 12 pick from Denver. Utah is No. 5 and the Lakers and Boston Celtics couldn't make the most of rare lottery appearances, with Los Angeles at No. 7 and Boston at No. 6.

The 76ers couldn't move up even with Hall of Famer Julius Erving representing them, but they will have two top-10 picks: their own and New Orleans' at No. 10 from last year's trade that sent Jrue Holiday to the Pelicans.

"If we had No. 3 alone, I would be a little disappointed and so would our group. But the fact that we also have the 10th pick, we may have done better than anyone else," Erving said. "We can get two players out of this draft or leverage those two picks."

Still, the big winners—again—were the Cavs.

Nick Gilbert was the hit of the 2011 lottery, his big glasses and bowtie charming viewers. This time it was Mallory Edens, the 18-year-old daughter of incoming Bucks co-owner Wes Edens. She gained thousands of Twitter followers after her brief on-camera interview.

But her Bucks pin wasn't lucky enough to end the run of back luck for the worst teams.

"I was really nervous, but I'm really happy we got the second pick," Mallory Edens said.

Things kept rolling for the Cavs, who duplicated the feat of Orlando, which went back-to-back at No. 1 in 1992-93. The latter win, after the Magic had gone 41-41 in Shaquille O'Neal's rookie season, caused the league to change the lottery to a weighted format that gave the worst teams the most chances.

The tanking talk has led to discussions to change it again, something Commissioner Adam Silver has said will be discussed this summer. But he has also said that if there was an ideal solution, the league would have implemented it by now.

The Cavs like it just as it is.

Sacramento approves $477 million Kings NBA arena

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Sacramento's City Council on Tuesday approved a financing plan for the Kings NBA franchise, clearing the way for construction on a $477 million downtown arena.

The council voted 7-2 on the package during a meeting that caps off the city's lengthy struggle to keep the team from moving to Seattle a year ago. Mayor Kevin Johnson declared "Long live the Kings" after the final vote, and the chamber erupted in cheers along with team owners.

"We had our backs against the wall, but we defied the odds. We made a comeback for the ages and in doing so, I feel like we unleashed the very best that Sacramento has to offer," said Johnson, a former three-time NBA All-Star who maintains strong connections to the league.

Under the 35-year deal, the city would be responsible for a $223 million subsidy, much of it financed through a parking revenue bond. The city would pay an estimated $21.9 million a year in debt service that would be paid through lease payments from the Kings and a projected increase in parking revenue.

The city also is transferring $32 million worth of land and allowing the team to operate six digital billboards.

Encarnacion hits 2 HRs for Jays in 7-4 win vs Sox

BOSTON (AP)—Edwin Encarnacion hit a pair of two-run homers and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Red Sox 7-4 on Tuesday night, handing Boston its fifth straight loss.

Melky Cabrera and Erik Kratz also homered for the Blue Jays, who won their second straight and sixth in eight games.

J.A. Happ (3-1) struck out six in the first three innings and picked up his third win in four starts since joining the rotation.

Jonny Gomes hit a two-run homer for Boston. The losing streak is the longest for the Red Sox since 2012.

Casey Janssen picked up his fourth save, with a rocky ninth inning. Dustin Pedroia and Shane Victorino led off the ninth with consecutive singles. David Ortiz nearly tied it with a long fly ball that drifted foul, and then struck out. Janssen got Mike Napoli to ground into a double play to end it.

Encarnacion hit a two-run homer in the third and Kratz added a solo shot in the fourth off Felix Doubront (2-4), who left the game after Jose Reyes and Cabrera opened the fifth with back-to-back doubles. The Red Sox said Doubront was pulled because of fatigue in his left shoulder.

Edward Mujica replaced Doubront and struck out Jose Bautista, but Encarnacion followed with a towering shot to left for his second two-run homer of the night and Toronto led 6-0.

Boston scored twice in the fifth, and then Cabrera added a solo shot to left in the sixth.

Happ started the sixth but was pulled after Gomes' two-run homer cut Toronto's lead to 7-4. He allowed four runs on seven hits and struck out six.

Napoli led off the sixth with a single and Gomes followed with a homer that bounced off the top of the Green Monster. Crew chief Gary Cederstrom needed only about 30 seconds to review the video before confirming it was a home run, pulling Boston within 7-4.

Brock Holt, Jackie Bradley Jr. and Dustin Pedroia doubled in the fifth as Boston scored twice to cut Toronto's lead to 6-2.

Boston loaded the bases with one out in the fourth, but third baseman Brett Lawrie helped get Happ out of the jam.

Lawrie lunged at a line drive by Xander Bogaerts that was headed for left field. The ball bounced out of his glove when he landed, but Lawrie quickly grabbed it, tagged third for the force out and threw it to Kratz to double-up David Ortiz at the plate.

Doubront allowed five runs on five hits, striking out two and walking three.

Athletics 3, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Drew Pomeranz won his third consecutive start since moving from the bullpen into the rotation and Coco Crisp drove in two runs before departing with an injury as the surging Oakland Athletics beat the Rays.

Pomeranz (4-1) allowed three hits, two walks and had three strikeouts over five innings. He has not given up a run in his three starts, all of which lasted five innings.

Crisp hit a two-run double and John Jaso had an RBI single off Jake Odorizzi (2-4) as Oakland took a 3-0 lead in the second.

The AL West-leading Athletics have won 10 of 11, outscoring their opponents 74-18 over the stretch.

Indians 6, Tigers 2

In Cleveland, Trevor Bauer outpitched former Cy Young Award winner Justin Verlander and tamed Detroit's menacing lineup, leading the Indians to a win over the Tigers.

Bauer (1-1) was recalled earlier in the day for his second start this season, and the right-hander held the AL's top hitting team to just two runs and seven hits in six-plus innings.

Mike Aviles hit a two-run double in the second when the Indians scored four runs off Verlander (5-3), who didn't settle in until the damage was already done.

David Murphy homered in the seventh for last-place Cleveland.

Mariners 6, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Kyle Seager had three hits, including a two-run single that sparked a four-run third inning as the Mariners beat the Rangers.

Seager, a career .256 hitter in four seasons, is hitting .329 against the Rangers.

Robinson Cano, Dustin Ackley and recent call-up Nick Franklin added two hits each as the Mariners, last in the American League in hitting, had every member of the batting order reach base during the first four innings,

That backed the pitching of right-hander Hisashi Iwakuma (3-0), who allowed both runs and six hits through eight innings. Iwakuma had a streak of 17 consecutive scoreless innings end with a home run by Adrian Beltre leading off the second inning that made it 1-0.

White Sox 7, Royals 6

In Kansas City, Missouri, Adam Dunn hit a three-run homer as the White Sox defeated the Royals.

Andre Rienzo (4-0) limited the Royals to two runs and five hits over six innings. He struck out a career-high eight.

The Royals' record dropped to 5-15 against American League Central opponents.

Gordon Beckham and Conor Gillaspie, who each had three hits, singled before Dunn homered in the eighth off right-hander Aaron Crow, who had allowed two three-run homers in his past two appearances.

AP

Toronto Blue Jays' Edwin Encarnacion watches his two-run homer in the third inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

Beckham has hit safely in 13 of his past 15 games, while Gillaspie increased his average to .347.

Royals rookie right-hander Yordano Ventura (2-4) took the loss, allowing four runs and seven hits, including a Tyler Flowers home run, in six innings.

Angels 9, Astros 3

In Anaheim, California, David Freese had a season-high four RBIs after getting reinstated from the disabled list and Tyler Skaggs pitched seven solid innings as the Angels scored five unearned runs against Scott Feldman to beat the Astros.

Mike Trout had three RBIs in his second game of the season as a designated hitter, helping the Angels win for the ninth time in 12 games.

Freese played for the first time since May 2, when he sustained a non-displaced fracture in the middle finger of his right hand after getting hit by a pitch from Texas' Colby Lewis.

Skaggs (4-1) allowed five hits, struck out six and walked one, helping end Houston's three-game winning streak. Feldman (2-2) was charged with eight runs and nine hits in four-plus innings.

Braves 5, Brewers 0

In Atlanta, Julio Teheran pitched a six-hitter for his second shutout of the season and Justin Upton had three RBIs as the Atlanta Braves won their third in a row, beating the slumping Milwaukee Brewers.

It was another laugher in the matchup between first-place teams, the Braves jumping ahead with three runs in the third and cruising to victory after opening the series with a 9-3 rout.

The Brewers have lost four in a row overall, their longest skid of 2014.

Teheran (3-3) bounced back from the shortest start of his career at San Francisco, where he lasted just 3 1-3 innings in a 10-4 loss.

Upton had a two-run single in the third and his 12th homer in the fifth, a solo shot.

Yovani Gallardo (2-2) took the loss.

Rockies 5, Giants 4

In Denver, Nolan Arenado hit a two-out, two-run double off the wall in the ninth inning for Colorado.

It was the second straight game the Rockies have won in walkoff fashion, with Justin Morneau hitting a two-run homer in the 10th against San Diego on Sunday.

The NL West-leading Giants took a 4-3 lead in the top of the ninth on an RBI double by Tyler Colvin against closer LaTroy Hawkins (2-0).

Arenado hit a 2-2 pitch off closer Sergio Romo (3-1) that glanced off the top of the fence in left and bounced back into the outfield, easily scoring Troy Tulowitzki and then a hustling Carlos Gonzalez with the winning run.

Cardinals 5, Diamondbacks 0

In St. Louis, Adam Wainwright allowed one hit as the St. Louis Cardinals ended an eight-game home run drought with long balls from Matt Adams and Jhonny Peralta.

Working on six days rest because of a rainout and day off, Wainwright (7-2) retired the first 11 batters before Paul Goldschmidt doubled off the wall in center with two outs in the fourth.

Peralta hit his team-leading ninth of the season in the sixth and added one of the Cardinals' five doubles for a second RBI against Bronson Arroyo (4-3). Arroyo had been 3-0 with an 0.39 ERA in May and hadn't allowed a homer his last four starts. Arroyo gave up five runs in seven innings.

Nationals 9, Reds 4

In Washington, Denard Span was at his disruptive best, getting three hits off the major's top pitcher and forcing a pair of throwing errors to lead Washington over Cincinnati.

Span finished 5 for 5 with two runs, two doubles, two RBIs and a stolen base as the Nationals accomplished a first for 2014: They made Johnny Cueto (4-3) look mortal.

The Reds' ace allowed more than two runs, more than five hits and failed to pitch at least seven innings — all for the first time this season.

The final line for Cueto: 5 1-3 innings, six hits, eight runs (six earned), six strikeouts. He also hit two batters in the same inning.

Doug Fister (1-1) worked seven innings and earned his first win for the Nationals.

Phillies 6, Marlins 5

In Miami, Jimmy Rollins homered for the second game in a row to put the Philadelphia ahead to stay.

The Phillies began the night ranked 26th in the majors in homers, but they've hit seven in the past three games—all wins—while scoring 26 runs.

A.J. Burnett (3-3), who pitched for the Marlins from 1999-2005, won his first start at Marlins Park despite struggling with his command. He walked four and needed 96 pitches to get through five innings.

The Phillies' Jonathan Papelbon gave up an RBI single by Garrett Jones in the ninth before notching his 12th save.

Anthony DeSclafani (1-1) allowed five runs in 5 1-3 innings for Miami.

Dodgers 9, Mets 4

In New York, Adrian Gonzalez homered again in his second consecutive three-hit game and Yasiel Puig reached base five times to lead Los Angeles.

Josh Beckett (2-1) helped himself with an RBI single in his second straight victory after 14 winless starts.

But the fiery right-hander left frustrated after failing to get an out in the sixth inning.

Carl Crawford scored three times and stole two bases. Gonzalez connected for a two-run shot in a four-run fifth, when Los Angeles chased Rafael Montero (0-2) from his second major league start.

Dodgers third baseman Juan Uribe limped off with an injury after his ninth-inning double. Puig, who had three hits and scored twice to extend his recent tear at the plate, delivered an RBI single during a three-run ninth.

Cubs 6, Yankees 1

In Chicago, Masahiro Tanaka had his regular-season unbeaten streaked broken at 42 starts, allowing a career-high four runs in six innings as last-place Chicago beat New York.

The Cubs honored the retiring Derek Jeter before the game, then handed Tanaka his first loss in nine major league starts.

Tanaka (6-1) had been 34-0 in Japan and North America the last two seasons. He did drop Game 6 of the Japan Series last year before earning the save in Game 7. He hadn't lost a regular-season game since the Seibu Lions beat the Rakuten Golden Eagles on Aug. 19, 2012.

Jason Hammel (5-2) pitched solid ball into the sixth and Hector Rondon retired Jeter on a grounder with the bases loaded in the ninth to end it.

Orioles 9, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Chris Davis hit three home runs, doubling his season total, and drove in five runs to lead Baltimore.

Davis hit a two-run blast during a four-run fifth inning that put the Orioles ahead 6-1 then hit a solo shot in the seventh and two-run homer in the ninth. It was Davis' second career three-homer game—the other came on Aug. 24, 2012 against Toronto—and seventh multi-homer game.

After leading the major leagues and setting a franchise record with 53 homers last season, Davis hit three in his first 30 games.

Miguel Gonzalez (2-3) pitched sixth innings for Baltimore.

Francisco Liriano (0-4) allowed six runs and nine hits in five innings for Pittsburgh.

MP United, Thundercats prevail; Shirley's FC win

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MP United and Thundercats earned victories in the M-League, while Tan Holdings and Korean Football Club on Saipan settled for a draw last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Seung Joon Lee drilled the lone goal in the Kanoa-MP United duel in the first game of the weekend to lift the latter to the close win. Lee nailed the winning goal in the second half to help MP United bounce back from a 0-5 loss to KFAS on May 11.

The Thundercats drew a bye in the May 11 set of matches and returned to play last Sunday with a convincing 3-1 victory over the CNMI Women's National Team.

Three different players contributed to the Thundercats' cause with Norman Camacho putting his team on the board early with a goal in the sixth minute. Timothy Tawanpiy then gave the Thundercats their second goal fourteen minutes later, while the CNMI Women's National Team got an own goal late in the first half to move within one at the break, 1-2.

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Kanoa FC's Jeralyn Castillo is double-teamed by Shirley's FC defenders during the first half of their game in the NMIFA women's league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

The score remain unchanged in the first half of the final frame before Don Cabrera ended the Thundercats' silence with the insurance goal in the 79th minute.

For the last game of the weekend, Byung Kwan Ohng canned the equalizer for KFAS late in the second half to force a deadlock against Tan Holdings FC.

Tan Holdings scored first off Yoshi Mafnas' goal right in the second minute of the match. Scott Kim then tied the match at halftime with his goal two minutes before the first half ended. A goal from Sang Ho Choi in the 60th put KFAS on top, but Tan Holdings answered back quickly with a shot from Sean Perez just one minute later for the second standoff.

A Bradley Brostrom conversion in the 69th minute broke the deadlock and helped Tan Holdings regain the lead before Ohng came to KFAS' rescue and hit the game-tying goal in the 70th.

Meanwhile, the NMIFA Women's Spring League also took place last weekend at the Oleai pitch with Shirley's FC downing Kanoa FC. 2-1.

Angelica Carreon and Alexa Vergara scored for Shirley's FC, while Lalaine Pagarao nailed the lone goal for Kanoa. Carreon drew first blood for Shirley's, finding the back of the net in the 13th minute, while Vergara made it a 2-0 advantage for her team 15 minutes later. Pagarao, who played goalie for Shirley's in the first half, moved back to the forward position and helped her team avoid a shutout.

Two more games in the women's league were scheduled last Saturday with the third one (Tan Holdings against MP United) reset and the second resulted in a forfeiture in favor of Independent FC (versus Matansa).

Island Manpower, Docomo bag close wins

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Defending champion Docomo Pacific and Island Manpower pulled off tough victories in the 2014 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Tuesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex.

Island Manpower slipped past Puerto Rico Bento in overtime in the first game, 107-105, to remain undefeated in two games, while Docomo Pacific edged Maplas, 88-83, to enter the win column after dropping its first two matches.

Syl Teregeyo and Jun Tabora teamed up in the crucial play for Island Manpower ith the former doing the inbound from the right sideline in the last 1.8 seconds of the extension period and feeding the latter inside for the game-winning basket. Tabora caught Puerto Rico Bento defenders flat-footed when he made a quick curl to his right inside the shaded lane less than five feet away from the basket and got Teregeyo's pass for the layup.

In the second match, Docomo also showed poise in the clutch to eke out the 5-point win against Maplas (0-2). With the game tied last at 83-all, with 1:23 left on the clock, James Villacrusis canned a long jumper from the top key to put Docomo on top. Angelo Fernando tried to retaliate quickly, but missed a fallaway jumper near the free throw line, while Tony Diaz was fouled on the other end and split his charities for the defending champion's 3-point lead, 86-83.

Maplas still had several chances to move closer or stole the lead with about a minute remaining on the clock, but Edmark Mendoza threw an errant pass to Jojo Guinto at the baseline and Rommel Usi and Rolly Paraiso muffed their 3-point attempts in their next three possessions. Docomo also missed four free throws that would have sealed the game early before Marlon Sison went 2-for-2 from the stripe in the last 14.2 seconds to peg the final score.

Sison and Diaz top-scored for Docomo with 20 points apiece, while Villacrusis added 17. The trio hit triples that kept Docomo in the game in the second half, combining for nine treys, five of them came in the final canto.

First Game

Island Manpower 107 – Pangelinan 26, Tabora 20, Capalad 16, Bisana 12, Lizama 12, Teregeyo 10, Tobias 10, Barrozo 2.

Puerto Rico Bento 105 – Shary 29, Jones 21, Fitial 19, Lansang 10, Salalila 2, Banzagale 2, Galulu 2.

Scoring by quarters: 28-26, 52-50, 74-78, 96-96, 107-107 (OT).

Second Game

Docomo Pacific 88 – Sison 20, Diaz 20, Villacrusis 17, Camacho 11, Kautz 5, Sanciangco 4, White 4, Alvarez 2, Berline 2.

Maplas 83 – Mendoza 24, Fernando 19, R. Usi 12, Paraiso 11, Yalung 4, Lontoc 3, Aniciete 3, M. Usi 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-16, 38-43, 61-61, 88-83.

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against fellow Japanese and No. 7-ranked Kanalo Ota today. Ota advanced to the quarterfinals of the upper half of the draw after easing past wld card and Hong Kong's Venia Yeung, 6-1, 6-1.

Third-seeded Ayano Shimizu and fifth-ranked Gabriella Da Silva Fick of Australia collide in the other Round of 8 match at the upper bracket, following their easy victories in the second round yesterday. Shimizu eliminated compatriot Yuna Fukumuro, 6-0, 6-2, while Fick also swept Hong Kong's Yuen Tung Liu, 6-1, 6-2.

In the lower bracket, the unranked Sing-Le Fan Chiang, who stunned Katano in the opening round, marched to the quarterfinals after shutting out Ayana Rengiil, 6-0, 6-0. The Chinese-Taipei bet will be pitted against Japanese qualifier Ayumi Hirata, who pulled off an upset over No. 8 seed Alvina Lai of Hong Kong, 6-1, 6-4.

In the other quarterfinal pairing in the bottom half of the draw, it will be the No. 4 Nanaka Takeuchi of Japan versus the Philippines' six-ranked Maria Dominique Ong. Takeuchi whipped fellow Japanese Hiraku Sato in the first set, 6-1, before sweating out a 7-6 (2) triumph in the second. Ong also worked pulled off a tough 7-6 (3) victory in the second set against Japanese qualifier Azusa Yasaki to complete the sweep, as the Philippines' bet earlier notched a 6-3 win in the first set.

In the boys division, Top 2 seeds Jack Wong of Hong Kong and Taisei Miyamoto of Japan are still in the thick of the fight and are joined by fellow ranked players Kody Pearson (No. 6) and Benard Bruno Nkomba (No.8) of Australia, Chak Yin Chan (No. 3) and Ming Chun Alan Sou (No. 7) of Hong Kong, and the United States' Jack Barber (No. 5) in the quarterfinals. Completing the Round of 8 cast was Ching Lam, who was the only unseeded player to barge into the quarterfinals, following a 6-1, 7-5 win over No. 4 Jesse Delaney of Australia.

Lam will be paired against Sou, who ousted the Philippines' Jerome Romualdez in the upper bracket match, 6-1, 7-5. In another upper bracket quarterfinals tiff, it will be Barber versus Wong, following the former's 6-3, 6-3 win over Australia's Chris Kafataris and the latter's 6-1, 6-0 spanking of Hong Kong's Fabien Calloud.

In the lower bracket, Miyamoto will square off against Pearson, who downed Hong Kong's Wai Leuk Alan Lee, 6-1, 6-1. Miyamoto also took only two sets to boot out Indonesia's Steven Harianto Poedji. Chak Yin Chan recorded the third straight set win in the lower bracket after dominating the CNMI's Colim Ramsey, 6-0, 6-0. He will be up against Nkomba, who eked out a 6-7 (4), 6-4, 8-6(3) win over South Korean qualifier Yohan Sung.

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bracket, while Takanishi and Shimizu are unranked. Joining the two pairs in the Round of 8's upper half bracket were top seeds Kanako Ota and Nanaka Takeuchi and the unranked duo of Ayumi Hirata and Maria Dominique Ong.

Ong and Hirata blanked the CNMI's Grace Choi and Julia Ishikawa, 6-0, 6-0, to arrange a quarterfinal duel against Ota and Takeuchi, who ousted Hong Kong's Yuen Tung Liu and Japan's Hikaru Sato, 7-6 (1), 6-3.

In the lower bracket, Tinglak Jittakoat and Gorbua Srisirisupayok of Thailand dominated the CNMI pair of Mimi Sakano and Ami Tsukagoshi, 6-2, 6-0. The Thai bets will face the CNMI's Tammy Ackerman and Palau's Ayana Rengiil in the quarterfinals. Ackerman and Rengiil also needed only two sets to beat Japan's Yuna Fukumuro and Azusa Yasaki, 6-4, 6-3.

The two other opening round matches in the bottom half of the bracket ended after only two sets with the duos of Millie Khoury of Australia and Hong Kong's Alvina Lai and Japan's Asumi Kanazawa and Yuri Katano prevailing against separate foes. Khoury and Lai triumphed over Japan's Maine Hiramatsu and India's Nairuti Vyas, 6-0, 6-2, while Kanazawa and Katano downed Hong Kong's Chak Lam Chan and Kwan Wun Man, 6-3, 6-0.

In the boys division, the CNMI's Tommy Choi and Amami Sakano earned quarterfinals berth at the bottom half of the bracket, following a 6-4, 6-1 win over fellow CNMI bet Jake Lee and Japan's Eikoh Hayashi. Choi and Sakano will go up against Hong Kong and third ranked Ching Lam and Jack Wong, who defeated Wai Leuk Alan Lee of Hong Kong and Thailand's Itchya Meesommon, 6-1, 6-4.

In the other quarterfinal tiff at the bottom half of the bracket, the pair of Daisuke Sumizawa of Japan and Cheuk Yin Yuen of Hong Kong will challenge Australia's Joshua Ecalnir and Chris Kafataris. The Aussies gained a quarterfinals berth after eliminating the CNMI's Luther Lizama and Colin Ramsey, 6-1, 6-0, while Sumizawa and Yuen edged Australia's Jesse Delaney and Hong Kong's Ming Chun Alan Sou, 7-6 (4), 7-5.

Completing the Round of 8 qualifiers were top seeds Jack Barber and Chak Yin Chan, Steven Harianto Poedji and Yohang Sung, Benard Bruno Nkomba and Kody Pearson, and Taisei Miyamoto and Yuki Watanabe. Barber and Chan routed the CNMI's Seiya Eda and Moris Villanueva, 6-0, 6-1, for a quarterfinals showdown against Peodji and Sung, a 6-1, 6-3 winner over Chris Cajigan and Jerome Romualdez. Nkomba and Pearson also earned straight set win over Hong Kong's Denton Ho and Ka Wui Wesley Law, 6-0, 6-3, for a Round of 8 date with Miyamoto and Watanabe, who demolished the CNMI's Haruya Eda and Vincent Tudela, 6-0, 6-0.

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First Game

Gwap Gang 100 – Sacramento 20, Rabasto 12, Yap 11, Darag 11, Ano 11, Vertudez 10, Dela Rosa 10, Ito 5, Deleon Guerrero 4.

Hite 58 – Manglona 17, Lauron 15, E. Montes 8, Cabrera 3, Babauta 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-11, 48-21, 63-40, 100-58.

Second Game

Bandits 81 – Fernando 18, Barrios 11, Odicta 8, Mendoza 6, Sunga 6, Dayrit 6, Mina 5, Guiab 5, Guiang 4, Salazar 3.

Pogi Problems 71 – David 15, Hernaez 11, Madreo 11, Francisco 10, Manzano 7, K Quemado 6, Tagle 6.

Scoring by quarters: 22-10, 42-30, 67-49, 81-71.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	23	20	.535	–
New York	23	21	.523	½
Toronto	24	22	.522	½
Boston	20	24	.455	3½
Tampa Bay	19	27	.413	5½

Central Division

Detroit	27	14	.659	–
Minnesota	22	21	.512	6
Chicago	23	24	.489	7
Kansas City	22	23	.489	7
Cleveland	21	25	.457	8½

West Division

Oakland	29	16	.644	–
Los Angeles	25	20	.556	4
Seattle	22	22	.500	6½
Texas	21	24	.467	8
Houston	17	29	.370	12½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	25	19	.568	–
Washington	24	21	.533	1½
Miami	23	23	.500	3
Philadelphia	20	22	.476	4
New York	20	24	.455	5

Central Division

Milwaukee	27	19	.587	–
St. Louis	24	21	.533	2½
Cincinnati	20	24	.455	6
Pittsburgh	18	26	.409	8
Chicago	16	27	.372	9½

West Division

San Francisco	28	18	.609	–
Colorado	26	20	.565	2
Los Angeles	24	22	.522	4
San Diego	21	25	.457	7
Arizona	18	29	.383	10½

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2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championships Winners

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The Top 3 finishers in the girls 100m run pose for a photo after receiving their medals from McDonald's Marcia Ayuyu during the awards ceremony for the 2014 McDonald's/PSS All Schools Athletics Championships early this month at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Marianas High School runners, center, are joined by Kagman High School and Agape Christian School in the podium for the awarding of the medals in the girls U18 4x100m relay run.

Oleai Elementary School's K-Son Peter, center, leads the Top 3 winners in the boys U12 100m race.

Tinian Elementary School students and their coach receive the third place trophy in the boys U10 division.

Hopwood Junior High School students, center, Agape Christian School students, right, and a representative from Saipan Community School pose with their medals in the boys U14 4x100m relay run.

The Top 3 finishers in the boys U14 100m run pose for a group photo.

The top athletes in the U18 division, Jason Lampkin, second left, of Kagman, and Zarinae Sapong, third left, of Marianas High School, receive medals and trophies from McDonald's Joe, second right, and Marcia Ayuyu, right. Also in the photo is Northern Marianas Athletics official Robin Sapong, left.

Saipan Community School students pose with their third place medals in the 4x100m relay race.

Boys U18 100m champion Angelo Racadio is joined by fellow Kagman High School runner Yoshi Mafnas at the podium.

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Ranked players still in contention

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Hong Kong's Ming Chun Alan Sou, who teamed up with Australia's Jesse Delaney, returns to Japan's Daisuke Sumizawa and Hong Kong's Cheuk Yin Yuen during the second set of their doubles game in the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts. Sou also played in the singles yesterday and advanced to the quarterfinals after beating the Philippines' Jerome Romualdez, 6-0, 6-2.

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The boys and girls U18 singles divisions in the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships are down to eight players each after yesterday's matches were completed at the Pacific Islands Club and Kanoa Resort tennis courts.

In the boys division, seven of the eight seeded players remained in contention, while only five ranked players are left in the girls main draw.

Top ranked Yinglak Jittakoat of Thailand followed the second-seeded Yuri Katano of Japan to the exit door, following a loss to Japanese qualifier Yurie Takanishi in the second round. Jittakoat won the first set, 3-6, while Takanishi evened up the match with a 6-0 victory in the second. The Japanese was then leading at 3-0 in the deciding third set when Jittakoat was forced to retire due to an injury.

With the victory, Takanishi set up a quarterfinal clash

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Bandits barge into win column in DLX caging

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Bandits' Jessie Mina tries to muscle his way against the defense of a Pogi Problems player during the second quarter of their game in the DLX/IT&E caging last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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The Bandits snapped their two-game losing skid after topping Pogi Problems, 81-71, in the nightcap in the 2013 DLX/IT&E Invitational Basketball League last Monday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

The Bandits got off to a strong start for an early double-digit lead and never looked back to enter the win column after losing their first two games. Pogi Problems dropped to a 1-2 slate.

J.R. Barrios and Angelo Fernando partnered in the Bandits' early attack, as they scored 6 points each in the first period, lifting their team to a 22-10 advantage. Fernando was still at it in the second canto, escaping with fastbreak layups and adding 8 more markers, as the Bandits kept the twin-digit margin at the break, 42-30.

Fernando and company then had their biggest lead at 20, 65-45, late in the third period, giving the team the luxury to be a bit complacent in the fourth quarter and allowing Pogi Problems to cut the deficit to a decent number.

Fernando led the Bandits with his 18 points, while Myler David paced Pogi Problems with his 15 markers.

In the first game, Gwap Gang reached the century mark en route to whipping Hite, 100-58.

Gwap Gang improved to a 2-0 record, while Hite remained winless after two games.

Seven Gwap Gang players scored in double figures in their lopsided win. Gwap Gang set up the route after working out a 22-11 advantage at the end of the first period. The lead ballooned to 17 by halftime, 42-30, as Gwap Gang continued to spread the wealth.

Gwap Gang then made it a 20-plus margin in the third, as Hite clearly failed to match the former's firepower. Despite the big lead, Gwap Gang showed no mercy, saving its best for last with a 37-point production in the fourth to almost double up Hite with its 42-point winning margin.

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Negahr and Mikayla still alive in doubles

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There is no early exit for the CNMI's Negahr Rastguiy and Mikayla Lopez this time.

The two Commonwealth bets, who were booted out in the first round of the singles competition in the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships, soldiered on in the doubles event after winning their opening match yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts. Lopez and Rastguiy swept Japan's Haruka Okawara and Minor Otsuka, 6-3, 6-4, to advance to the quarterfinals against another Japanese combo in Ayano Shimizu and Yuri Takanishi.

Lopez and Rastguit are seeded third in the doubles and are at the top half of the

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI's Negahr Rastguiy and Mikayla Lopez shake hands with Japan's Haruka Okawara and Minor Otsuka after recording a 6-3, 6-4 win in their first round match in the girls U18 doubles event in the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.